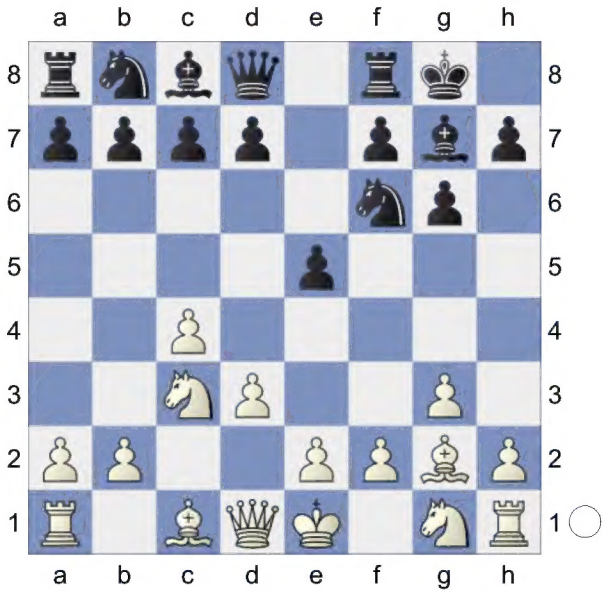
The Botvinnik English
100 Reference Games

Chess Notes 2025

1 **A26**
□ **Laruelle,Leander** **3958**
■ **Krause,C** **3809**
Kolkata Kalkata (21.1) 29.03.2020
[Kitty Kat]

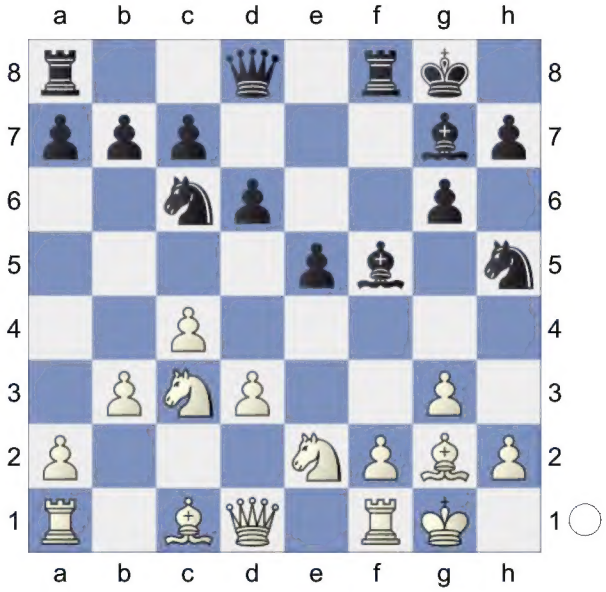
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 0-0

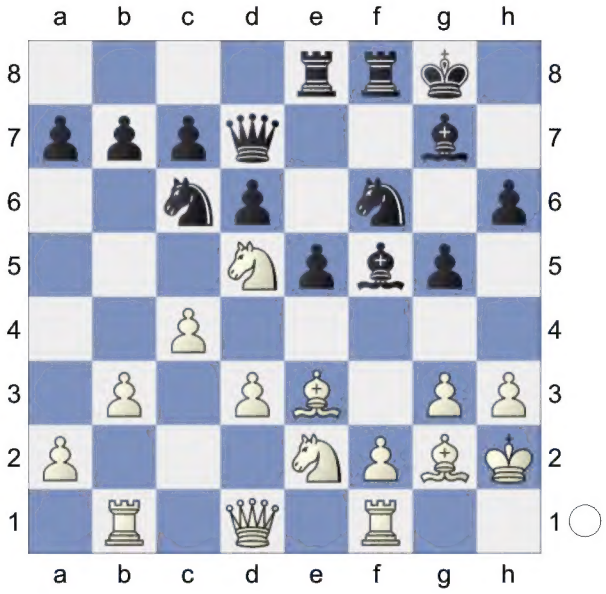


6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.0-0 Nh5 9.b3N
[9.h3 f5 10.exf5 gxf5 11.f4 Be6 12.Kh2 Qd7 13.Nd5 Kh8 14.Be3 Ne7 15.Nxe7 Qxe7 16.Qd2 c5 17.Rae1 Rad8 18.b4 b6 19.bxc5 dxc5 20.fxe5 Bxe5 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.Nxf4 Nxf4 23.Qxf4 Qf6 1-0 (43) Vrkoc,D-Masek,J Czech Republic 2003]
[9.Rb1 f5 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.h3 Be6 12.Kh2 a5 13.Nd5 Qd7 14.Be3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Bd2 a4 17.g4 Nf6 18.Nxf6+ Rxf6 19.f4 d5 20.b3 c6 21.Be1 axb3 22.axb3 dxc4 23.bxc4 Rff8 0-1 (30) Dedina,M (2262)-Hoexter,H (2313) corr ARG/cup04/sf 10 (ARG) 2022]
[9.a3 f5 10.exf5 gxf5 11.f4 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 c6 14.b4 Re8 15.Bb2 Qb6 16.Bf3 Nf6 17.Bxd4 c5 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.Rb1 Qa5 20.Be5 Qxa3 21.Ra1 Qb4 22.Qc2 Qb6 23.Rfb1 Qe6 1-0 (34) Lacan,D (2257)-Bhagat,K (2245) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz 2024 (9)]

9...f5 10.exf5 Bxf5

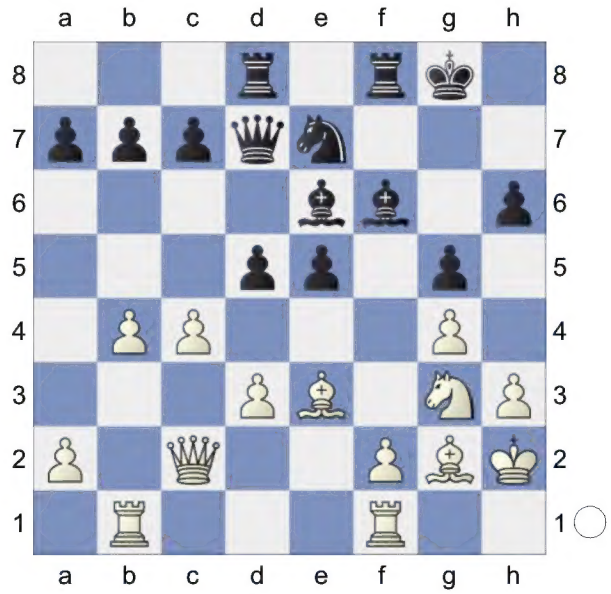


11.h3 White is slightly better. **11...Nf6 12.Be3 Qd7 13.Kh2 h6 14.Rb1 Rae8 15.Nd5 g5**

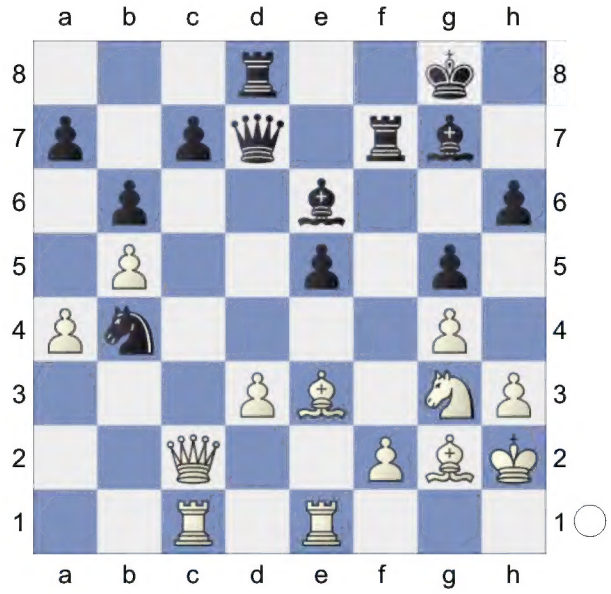


16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.g4 Be6 18.Ng3

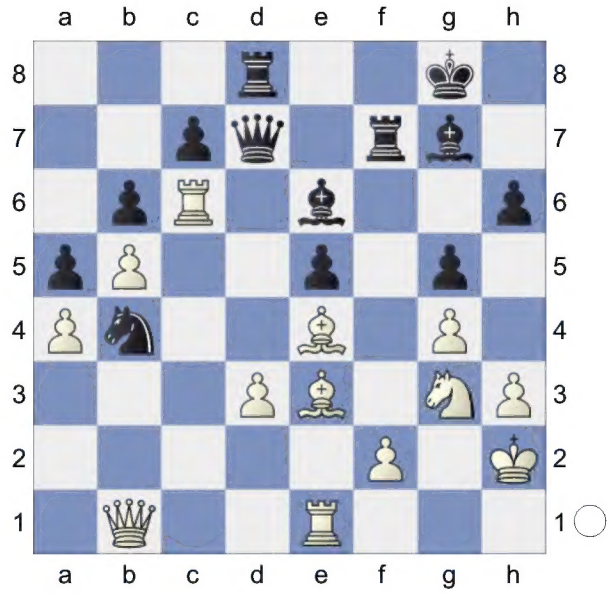
Rd8 19.b4 Ne7 20.Qc2
[20.Bxa7?! b6∓]
20...d5



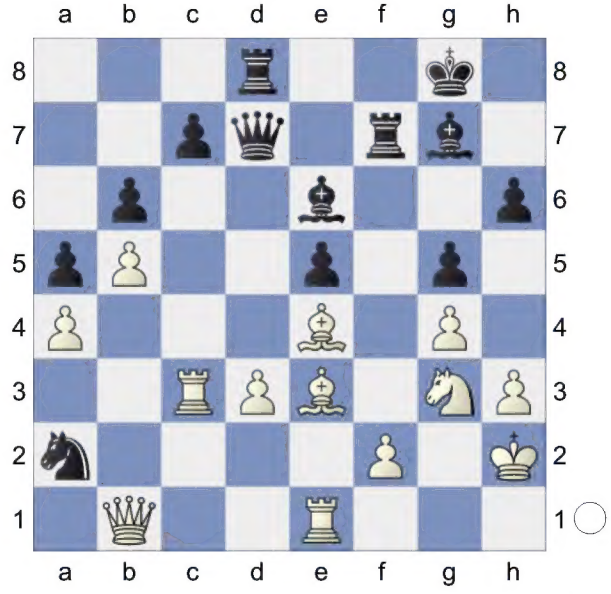
21.Rfe1
[21.Bxa7 b6 22.c5 Qc6∓]
21...Rf7 22.b5 White is more active.
[22.Bxa7 b6 23.d4 e4∓ *(23...exd4? 24.c5±; 23...dxc4 24.dxe5 Bg7 25.Rbd1=)*]
22...b6 23.a4 Bg7 24.cxd5 Nxd5 25.Rbc1 Nb4



26.Qb1
[26.Bc6 Nxc2 *(26...Qxd3 27.Qb2∓)* 27.Bxd7 Rdxd7∓]
26...a5
[26...Nxd3? 27.Red1+-]
27.Be4 Na2
[27...Nxd3? 28.Red1+-]
28.Rc2 Nb4 29.Rc3 Nd5 30.Rc6 Nb4

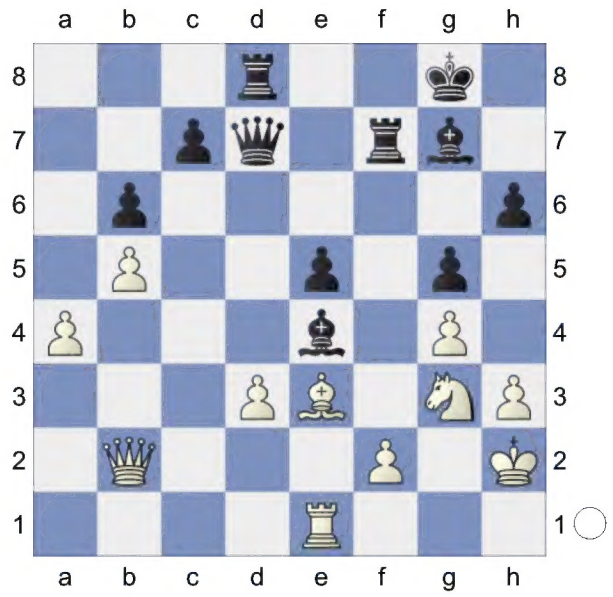


31.Rc3 Na2



Prevents Rec1 **32.Rb3 Nb4 33.Rxb4 axb4 34.Qxb4 Bd5 35.Qb2 Bxe4**

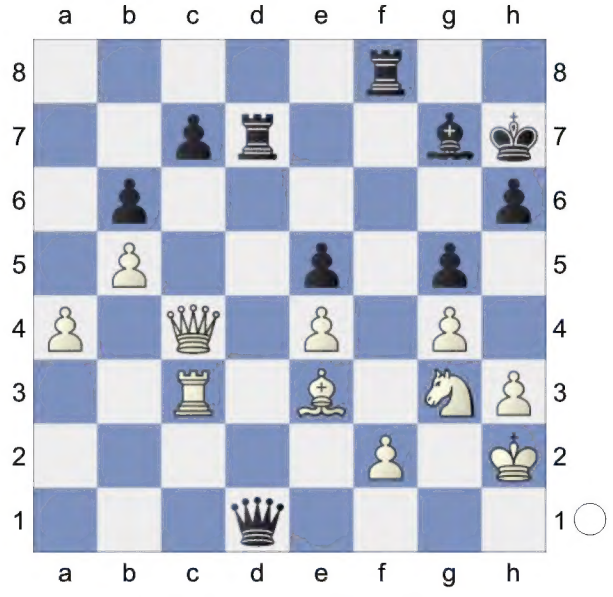
(Diagram)



36.dxe4 Qd3 37.Rc1 Against Qc4. White has compensation. **37...Rdd7 38.Rc3**

[38.Kg2 Kh7 39.Qa2 Bf8 40.Rc2]

38...Qd1 39.Qa2 Kh7 40.Qc4 Rf8



41.Rc1 Qf3 42.Rf1 Rg8 0.85/21

[42...Ra8= 0.24/22]

43.Rc1 0.18/19

[43.Rg1± 0.85/21]

43...Rd2!=

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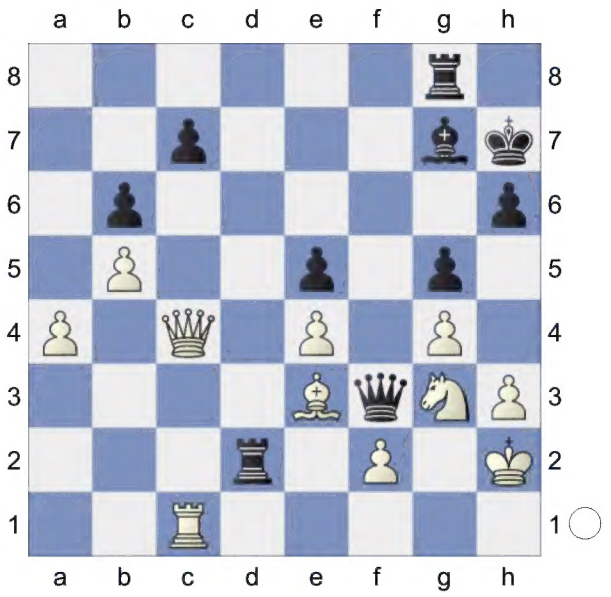
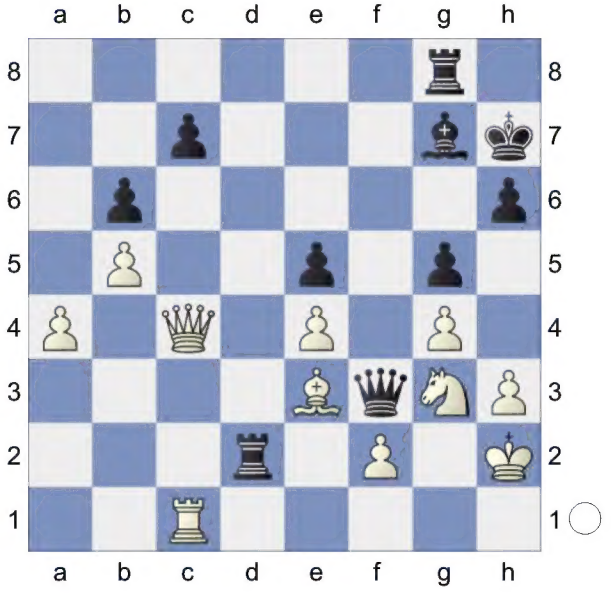


Decoy **44.Kg1 Rd1+ 45.Kh2 Rd2**



Decoy **46.Kg1**

[46.Qc3!? Rgd8 47.Rc2=]

46...Rd1+

[46...Rf8 seems wilder. 47.Nf5 Rd7 48.Kh2 Rfd8]

47.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 48.Kg2 Qd7 49.Nf5 Rf8 50.Qc3 Rd8

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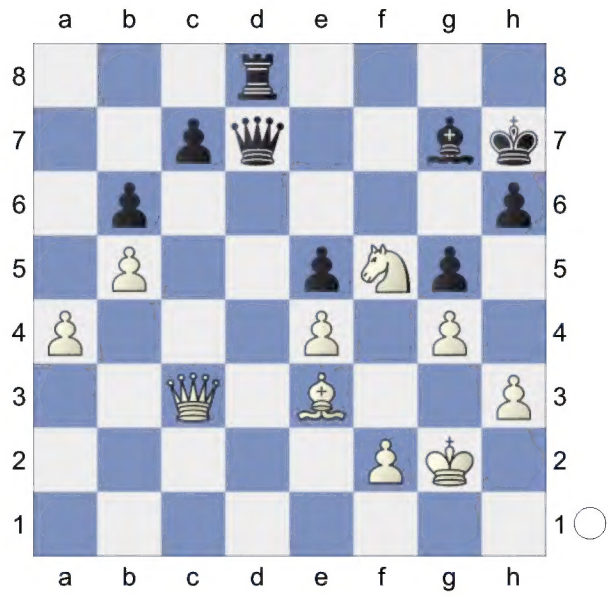
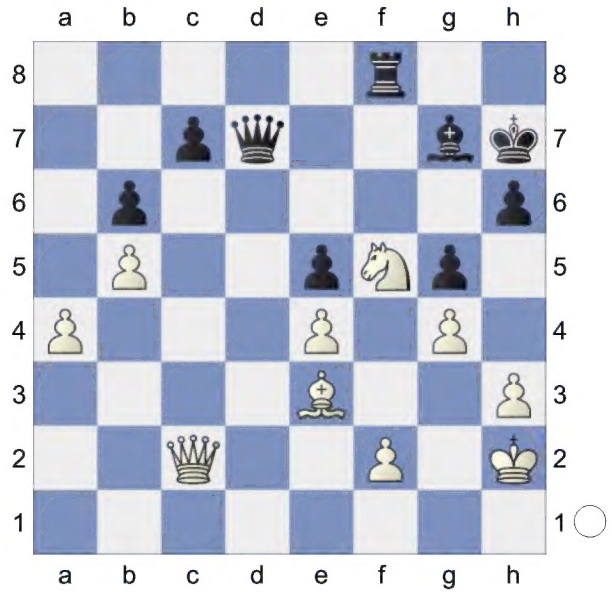


51.Qc1 Rf8 52.Kh2 Rf7 53.Qc4 Rf8
Black is weak on the light squares
54.Qb3 Rg8 55.Qc2 Rf8



56.Qc4 Rc8 57.Kg3 c6 58.bxc6
[58.Bxb6 cxb5 59.Qxb5 Qxb5 60.axb5 Rb8-+]
58...Rxc6 59.Qa6 Bf8 60.Bxb6 Rc1

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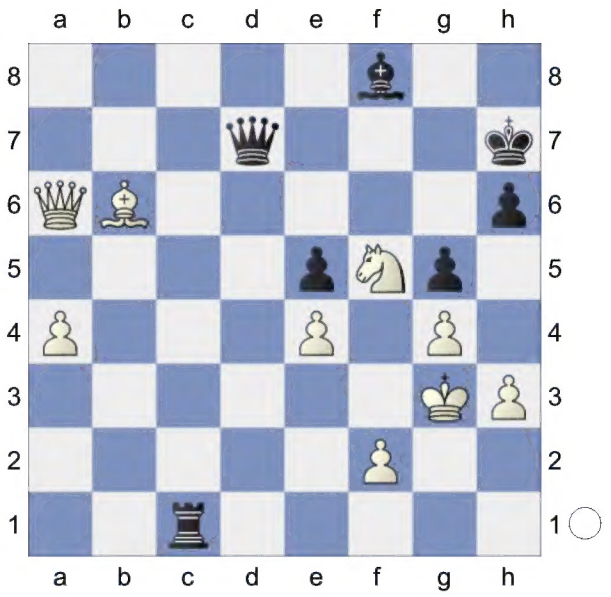
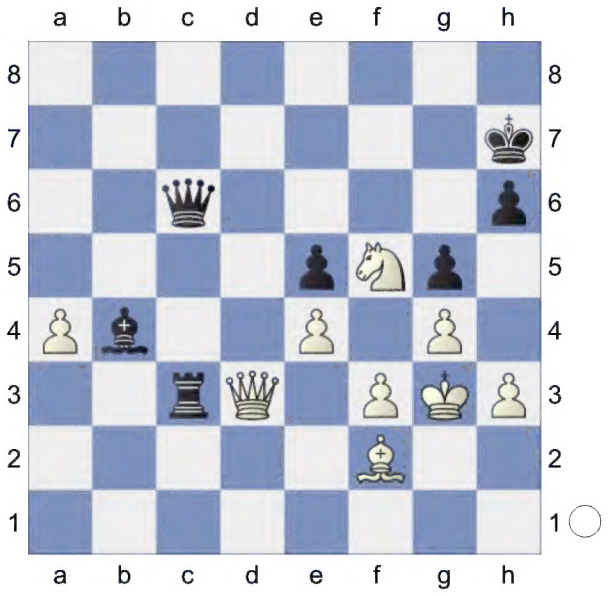


61.f3 Bb4 62.Bf2 Qc6! 63.Qa7+ Qc7
64.Qa6↑ White has the initiative.
64...Qc6 65.Qd3 Rc3



66.Qd8 Qc7 67.Qe8 Rc1! 68.Qe6
Rc6 69.Qe8 Rc1! 70.h4 0.00/27
[White should try 70.Qe6!± 0.57/21
Rc6 71.Qe8]
70...Be1!

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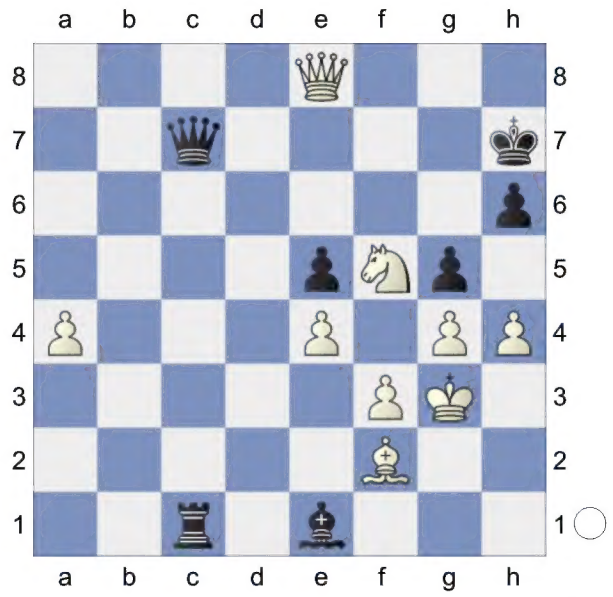

The position is equal. **71.hxg5 Bxf2+**
72.Kg2 Really sharp!
[72.Kxf2 Qc2+ 73.Kg3 Rg1+ 74.Kh3 Rh1+ 75.Kg3 Qh2#]
72...hxg5 73.Qh5+
[73.Kxf2? Qc2+ 74.Kg3 Rg1+ 75.Kh3 Qg2#]
[73.Ne7!? Rg1+□ 74.Kh3 Rh1+ 75.Kg2 Rg1+=]
73...Kg8 74.Qg6+
[74.Kxf2? Qc2+ 75.Kg3 Rg1+ 76.Kh3 Qg2#]
74...Kh8! 75.Qh6+
[75.Kxf2? Qc2+ 76.Kg3 Rg1+ 77.Kh3 Qg2#]
75...Kg8

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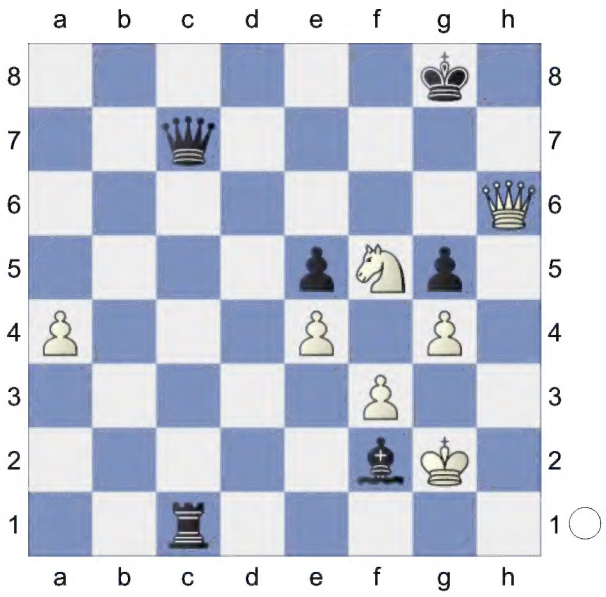
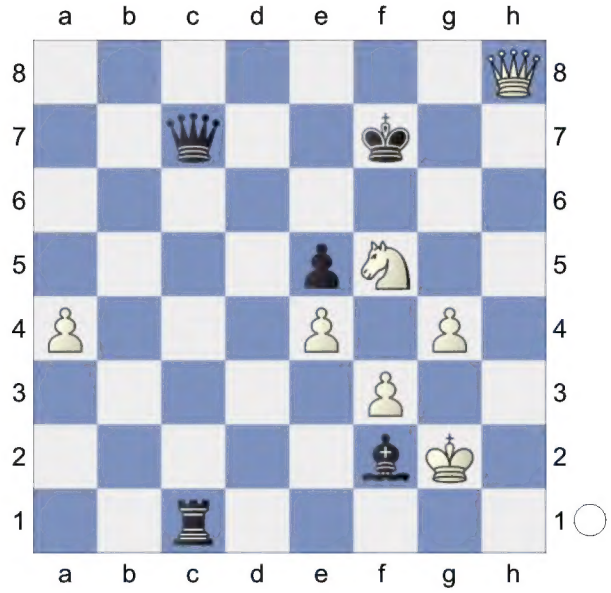


76.Qxg5+
[76.Kxf2? Qc2+ 77.Kg3 Rg1+ 78.Kh3 Qg2#]
76...Kf7 77.Qh5+
[77.Kxf2 Qc2+]
77...Kf8 78.Qh8+
[78.Kxf2? Qc2+ 79.Kg3 Rg1+ *(79...Qxa4 80.Qh8+ Kf7 81.Qg7+ Ke8 82.Qe7#)* 80.Kh4 Rh1+ *(80...Qxa4 81.Qh8+ Kf7 82.Qg7+ Ke8 83.Qe7#)* 81.Kg3 Rxh5-+]
78...Kf7 79.Qh5+
[79.Kxf2 Qc2+ 80.Kg3 Rg1+ *(80...Qxa4 81.Qg7+ Ke8 82.Qe7#)* 81.Kh4 Qh2+ *(81...Qxa4 82.Qg7+ Ke8 83.Qe7#)* 82.Kg5 Qxh8 83.Nh6+ Ke6 84.Kg6 Qf6+ 85.Kh7 Rh1 *(85...Qxf3 86.Kg8 Qf4 87.Kh7 Rh1 88.Kg8 Qxh6 89.a5 Qh8#; 85...Qe7+ 86.Kg6 Rd1 87.g5 Qe8+ 88.Kh7 Rd7+ 89.Nf7 Qxf7+ 90.Kh8 Qh7#)* 86.g5 Qxg5 87.Kh8 Rxh6#]
[79.g5!? Rg1+□ 80.Kxf2 Qb6+ 81.Ne3 Rxg5 82.Qh7+ Ke8 83.Qh8+ Kf7=]
79...Kf8 80.Qh8+
[80.Kxf2? Qc2+ 81.Kg3 Rg1+ *(81...Qxa4 82.Qh8+ Kf7 83.Qg7+*

Ke8 84.Qe7#) 82.Kh4 Rh1+ *(82...Qxa4 83.Qh8+ Kf7 84.Qg7+ Ke8 85.Qe7#)* 83.Kg3 Rxh5-+]

80...Kf7



81.Qh7+

[81.Kxf2 Qc2+ 82.Kg3 Rg1+ *(82...Qxa4 83.Qg7+ Ke8 84.Qe7#)* 83.Kh4 Qh2+ *(83...Qxa4 84.Qg7+ Ke8 85.Qe7#)* 84.Kg5 Qxh8 85.Nh6+ Ke6 86.Kg6 Qf6+ 87.Kh7 Rh1 *(87...Qxf3 88.Kg7 Qf6+ 89.Kh7 Rh1 90.Kg8 Rxh6 91.a5 Rh8#; 87...Qe7+ 88.Kg6 Qf6+ 89.Kh7 Rh1 90.g5 Qxg5 91.Kh8 Rxh6#)* 88.Kg8 Rxh6 89.a5 Rh8#]

[81.g5!? Rg1+□ 82.Kxf2 Qb6+ 83.Ne3 Rxg5 84.Qh7+ Ke8 85.Qh8+ Kf7=]

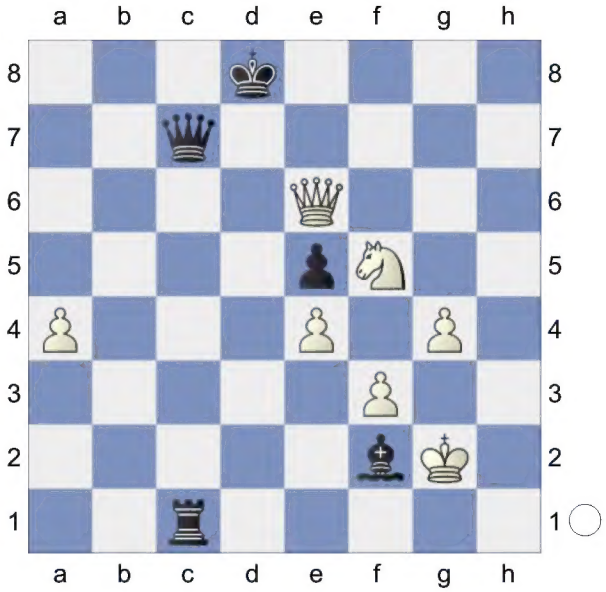
81...Kf8 82.Qh6+ Ke8 83.Qe6+

[83.Kxf2? Qc2+ 84.Kg3 Rg1+ 85.Kh4 Rh1+ *(85...Qxa4 86.Qe6+ Kd8 87.Qe7+ Kc8 88.Nd6+ Kb8 89.Qb7#)* 86.Kg5 Rxh6-+]

83...Kd8! 84.Qd5+ Ke8 85.Qe6+

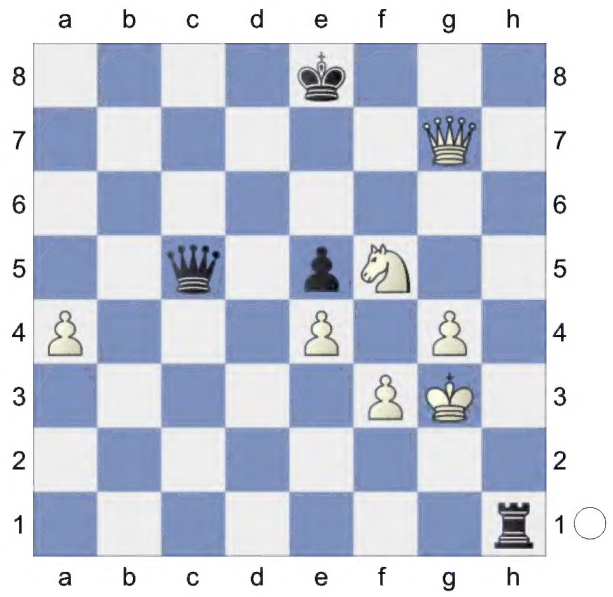
[85.Kxf2 Qb6+ 86.Ne3 *(86.Kg3? Rg1+ 87.Kh4 Qf6+ 88.Kh3 Qh8+ 89.Nh4 Rh1+* Skewer *90.Kg2 Rxh4-+)* 86...Qb2+ *(86...Rc2+ 87.Kg3∓)* 87.Kg3 Rg1+ 88.Kh4 *(88.Kh3?* gets mated. *Rh1+ 89.Kg3 Qh2#)* 88...Qf2+ 89.Kh5 Rh1+ *(89...Qxe3 90.Qxe5+ Kd7 91.Qf5+ Kd8 92.Qd5+ Ke7 93.Qe5+ Kf7 94.Qd5+ Kf6 95.Qd6+ Kf7 96.Qd7+ Kf8 97.Qd6+ Ke8 98.Qe6+ Kd8 99.Qd5+ Ke7 100.Qe5+ Kd8 101.Qd6+ Kc8 102.Qc6+ Kb8 103.Qb5+ Kc7 104.Qe5+ Kc8 105.Qe8+ Kc7 106.Qe5+ Kd7 107.Qf5+ Kc6 108.Qb5+ Kd6 109.Qd5+ Kc7 110.Qc4+ Kd7 111.Qd5+ Kc7 112.Qe5+=)* 90.Kg6 Qxe3 91.Qb5+ *(91.Qxe5+ Kd7=)* 91...Ke7 *(91...Kd8 92.Qb8+ Kd7 93.Qb7+ Kd8 94.Qb8+ Kd7 95.Qb7+ Kd8 96.Qb8+=)* 92.Qb7+ *(92.Qxe5+ Kd7=)* 92...Kd8 93.Qb8+ Kd7 94.Qb7+ Kd6 95.Qd5+ Kc7 96.Qxe5+ Kd7]

85...Kd8!

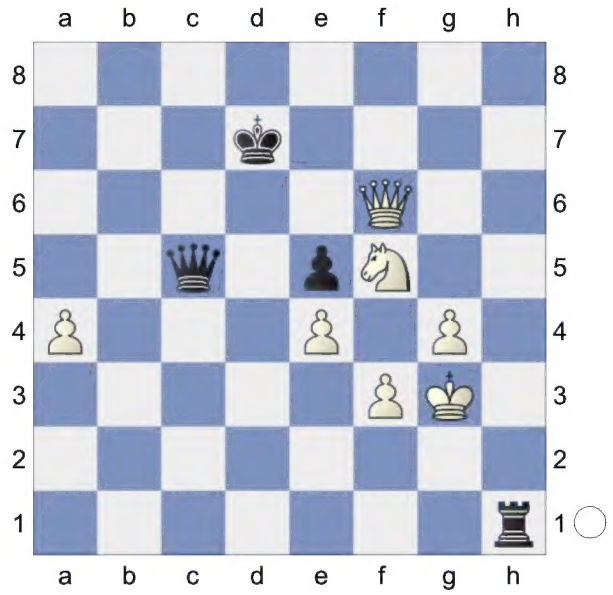


aiming for ...Qc5. **86.Kxf2** Endgame KQR-KQN **86...Qc5+! 87.Kg3 Rh1! 88.Qf6+ Ke8 89.Qg6+ Kf8 90.Qg7+ Ke8**

(Diagram)



91.Qg8+ Kd7 92.Qg7+ Kc6 93.Qf6+ Kc7 94.Qf7+ Kd8 95.Qf6+ Kd7



96.Qg7+ Kc6 97.Qf6+ Kd7 98.Qf7+ Kd8 99.Qd5+ Qxd5 100.exd5 KR-KN **100...Rd1**

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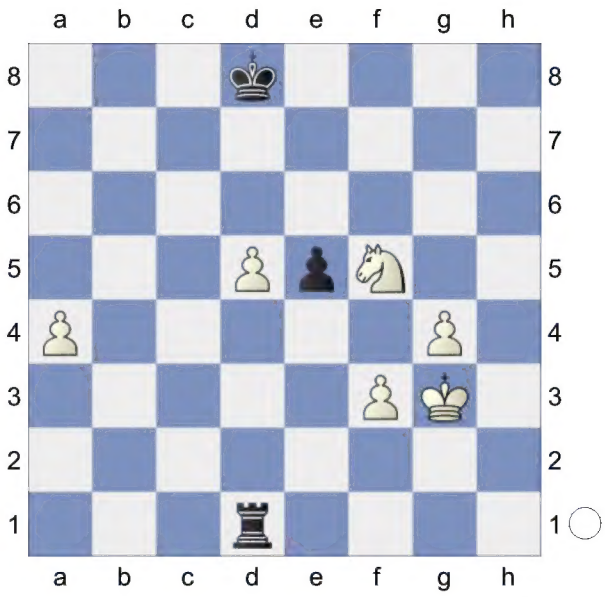
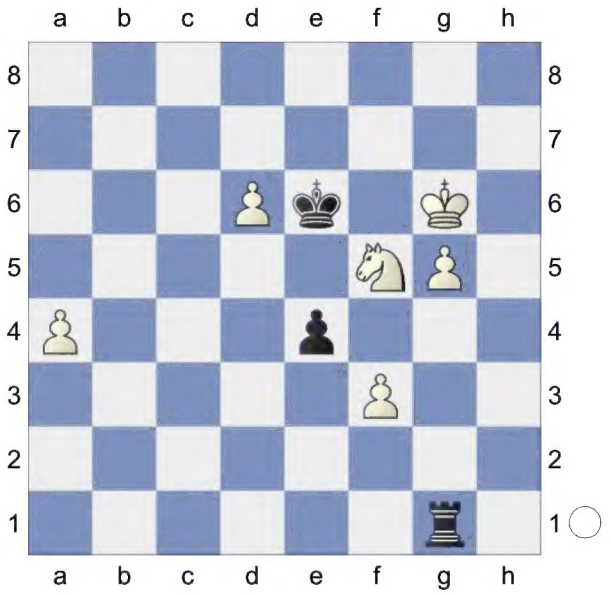


101.g5 Ke8! 102.d6 Rg1+ 103.Kh4 Kd7! 104.Kh5 Ke6! 105.Kg6 e4



106.fxe4 Re1! 107.Ng3
[107.Nd4+ simplifies Kxd6 108.Kf5 Rf1+ 109.Kg4]
107...Re3! 108.d7 Kxd7! 109.Nh5 and Kf5 should not be overlooked **109...Ke6 110.Nf6 Re2**

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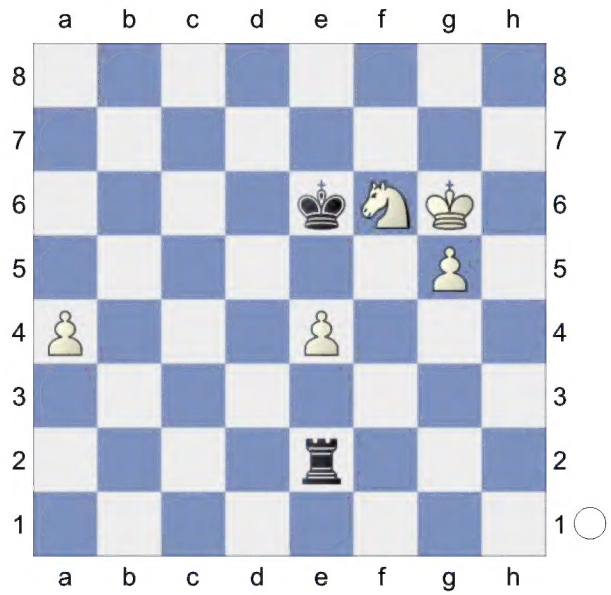
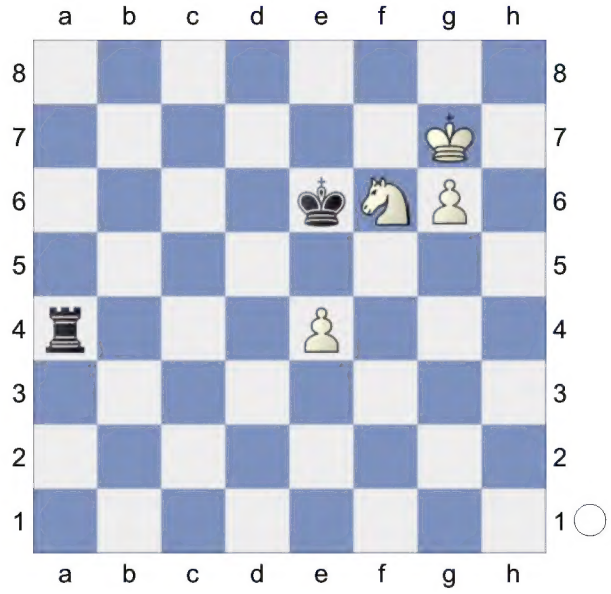


111.Kh6 Rh2+ 112.Kg7
[112.Nh5!? Rh4□ 113.a5 Rxe4 114.g6=]
112...Ra2 113.g6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
113...Rxa4



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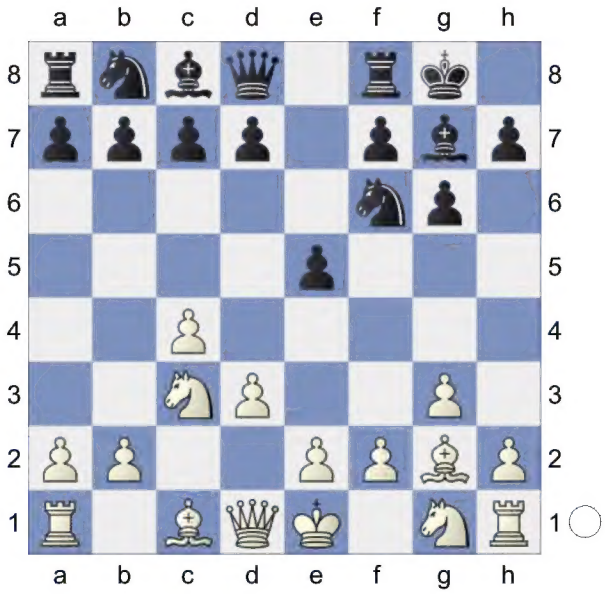

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[9.b3 f5 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.h3 Nf6 12.Be3 Qd7 13.Kh2 h6 14.Rb1 Rae8 15.Nd5 g5 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.g4 Be6 18.Ng3 Rd8 19.b4 Ne7 20.Qc2 d5 21.Rfe1 Rf7 22.b5 b6 23.a4 Bg7 ½-½ (113) LCZero v0.24-sv-t60-3010 (3958)-Komodomcts (3809) TCEC Season 17 - Premier Division 2020 (21.1)]
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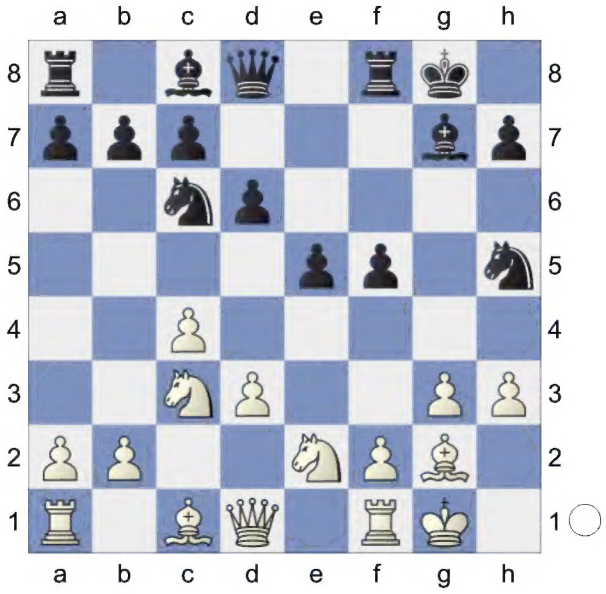

11.f4 Ne7N White has an edge.

[11...Be6 12.Kh2 Qd7 *(12...Nf6 13.Nd5 Qd7 14.Be3 Ne7 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Qd2 c6 17.Rae1 Rab8 18.b3* A 26/02 2000*)* 13.Nd5 Kh8 14.Be3 Ne7 15.Nxe7 Qxe7 16.Qd2 c5 17.Rae1 Rad8 18.b4 b6 19.bxc5 dxc5 20.fxe5 Bxe5 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.Nxf4 Nxf4 23.Qxf4 Qf6 24.Re3 Rd7 25.a4 Rfd8 26.g4 1-0 (43) Khantadze-8.Be2 00 9.Bg5 Castellar op 16th 2007 Rd4 27.Qc7 R8d7 28.Qc6 R4d6 29.Qf3 Rg7 30.gxf5 Bd7 31.Qf4 Bxa4 32.Bd5 h6 33.Ree1 Qb2+ 34.Kh1 Qf6 35.Rg1 Bc6 36.Rxg7 Bxd5+ 37.cxd5 Kxg7 38.d4 Kh7 39.Qe4 Qf8 40.f6+ Kh8 41.f7 1-0 (43) Khantadze-8.♗e2 00 9.♗g5 65825 Castellar op 16th 2007]

12.Qe1 c6 13.Bf3 Nf6 14.Be3 e4 15.dxe4 fxe4

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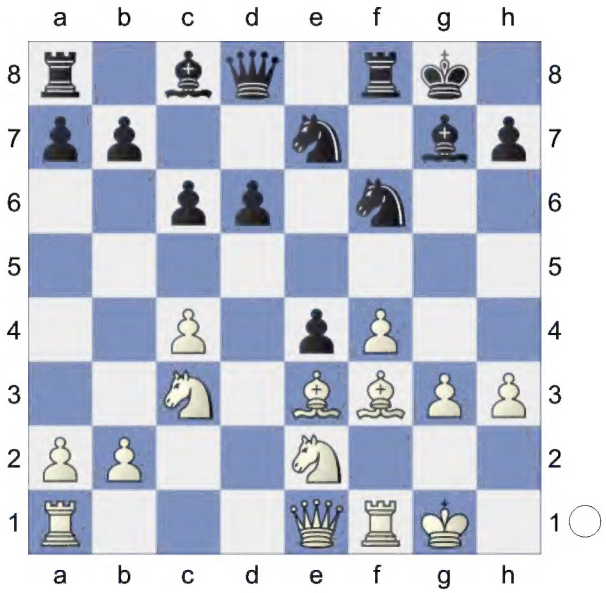


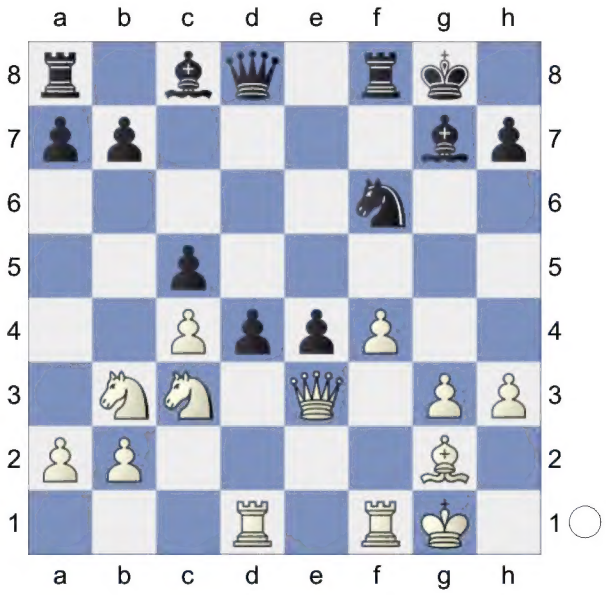
16.Bg2 White wants to play g4!. **16...Nf5 17.Nd4** -0.32/21

[17.Bd4= 0.12/20]

17...Nxe3∓ 18.Qxe3 d5 19.Rad1 c5

[19...dxc4 20.Ne6 *(20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Qb6=)* 20...Bxe6 21.Rxd8 Raxd8 22.Rd1+- *(22.Bxe4 Bxh3 23.Re1 Ng4=; 22.Qxa7 Nd5±; 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.Qxe4 Bf7±)*]

20.Nb3! d4



21.Qe2 e3 22.Na4 Nd7 23.Naxc5 Nxc5 24.Nxc5 Qb6 25.Ne4 a5

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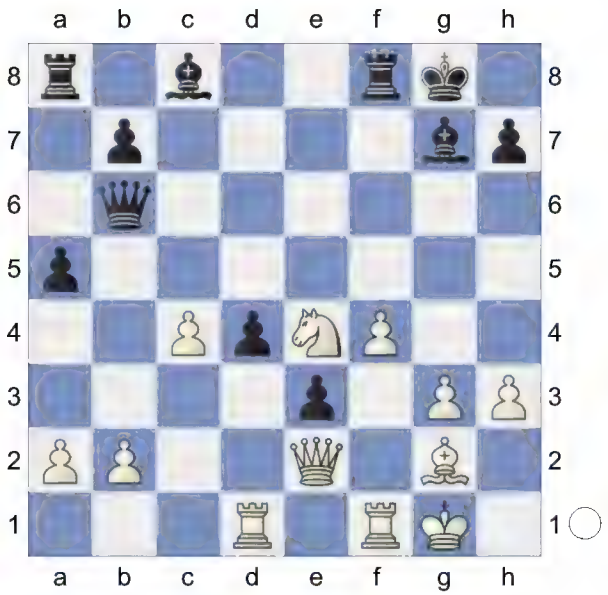
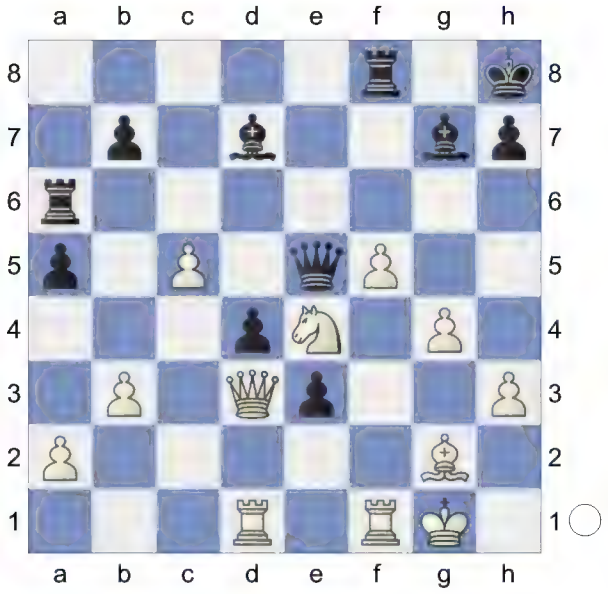
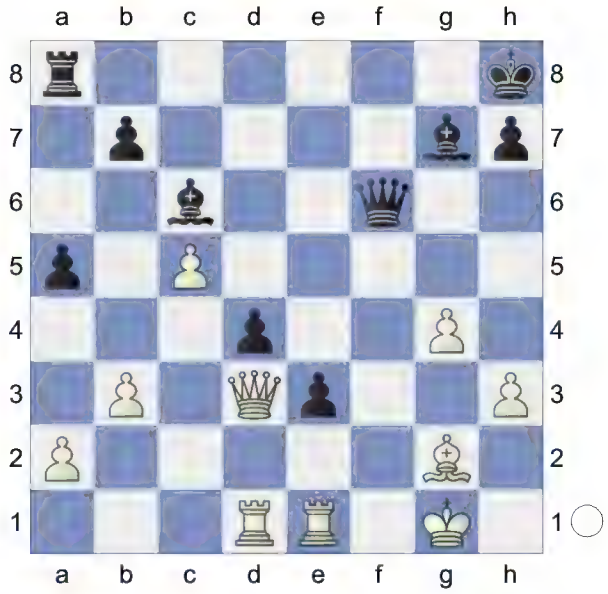


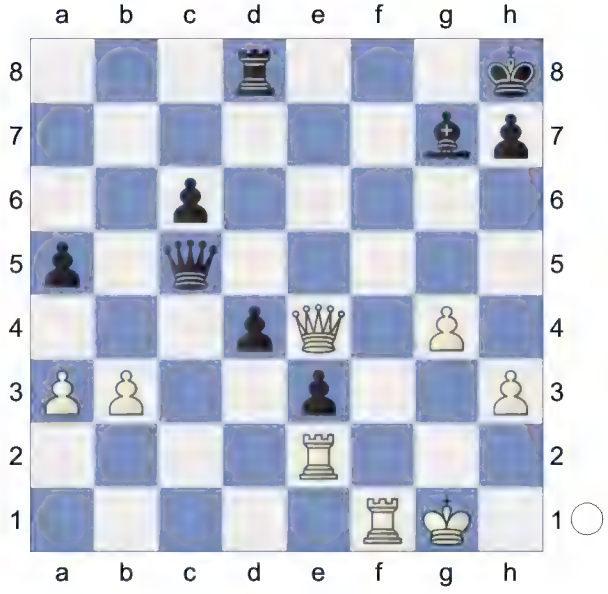
Black has compensation. **26.g4** -0.62/20
[26.c5= -0.26/18 feels stronger. Qa6 27.Rfe1]
26...Kh8↑ Black is more active. **27.c5 Qc7 28.Qd3 Ra6**
[28...Rxf4? 29.Ng5+-]
29.f5 Bd7 30.b3 Qe5



31.Rfe1 Be8 32.Kh1 -1.11/18
[32.f6= -0.29/19 remains equal. Raxf6 33.Qxd4 Rf1+ 34.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 35.Bxf1 Qxd4 36.Rxd4 Bxd4 37.Kg2]
32...Bc6 -0.51/22
[32...Qe7!∓ -1.11/18]
33.Kg1
[33.f6? Bxf6 34.Qc2 *(34.Nxf6? Bxg2+ 35.Kxg2 Raxf6-+)* 34...Be7-+]
33...Raa8 34.f6! Rxf6 35.Nxf6 Qxf6



36.Re2 Against Qf2+ **36...Qe5 37.Bxc6 bxc6 38.a3 Qxc5 39.Qe4 Rf8 40.Rf1 Rd8**
[40...Rxf1+ 41.Kxf1 Qd6 42.Rg2=]



41.Rd1! aiming for Rxe3. **41...Rf8**
[41...Qxa3 42.Rxe3 *(42.Qxc6? Qxb3 43.Qc2 Qb8-+)* 42...Qd6

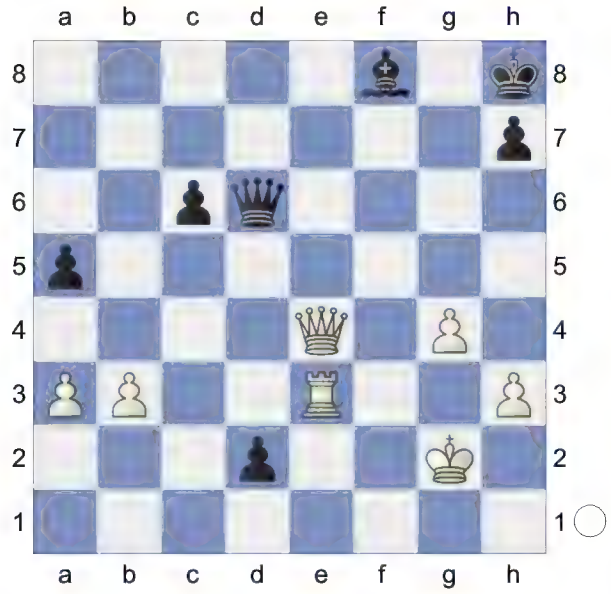
43.Rf3±]

42.Rf1 Qd6 -0.05/18

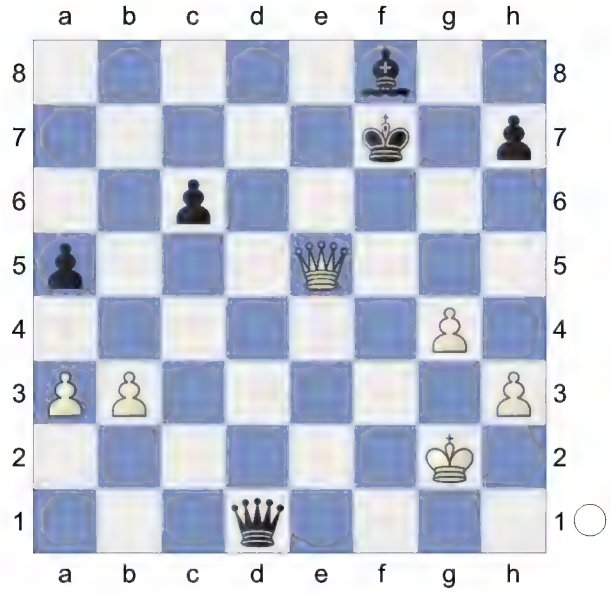
[Better is 42...Rd8!∓ -0.75/16]

43.Rxf8+= Bxf8 Endgame KQR-KQB

44.Kg2 d3 45.Rxe3 d2



46.Rd3 d1Q 47.Rxd1 Qxd1 48.Qe5+ Kg8 49.Qe6+ Kg7 50.Qe5+ Kf7



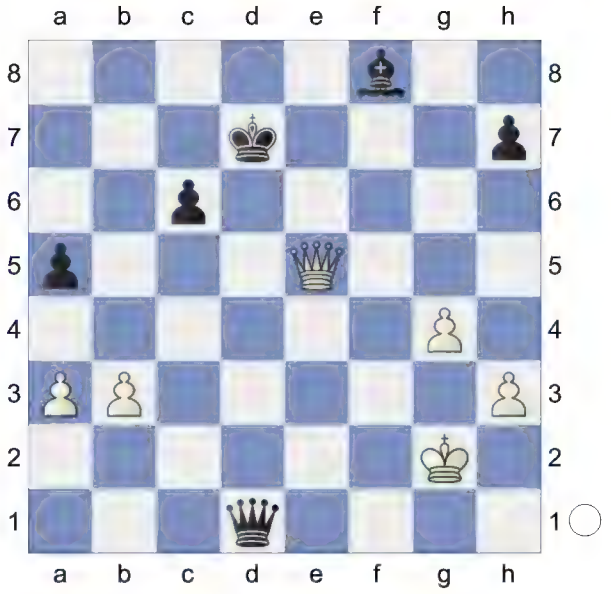
51.Qf5+ Ke8

[51...Kg8!? 52.Qe6+□ Kg7 53.Qe5+ Kf7 54.Qf5+ Ke7 55.Qe5+ Kd7 56.Qf5+ Ke7=]

52.Qh5+ Ke7 53.Qe5+ Kd7

[53...Kf7!? 54.Qf5+□ Ke8 55.Qh5+ Kd7 56.Qf5+ Ke8=]

54.Qf5+ Ke7 55.Qe5+ Kd7



56.Qf5+ Ke8 57.Qh5+ Kd8 58.Qxa5+ Ke7 59.Qe5+ Kd8 60.Qb8+ Ke7

61.Qb7+ -0.84/19

[61.Qe5+= 0.00/20 Kd7 62.Qf5+ Ke8 63.Qh5+ Kd7 *(63...Kd8 64.Qa5+ Ke7 65.Qe5+=)* 64.Qf5+]

61...Qd7∓ 62.Qxd7+ Kxd7 KB-KP

63.a4 Be7 64.Kf3 -0.26/25

[64.Kg3∓ -1.51/28]

64...Bg5 65.Ke4 Bh4

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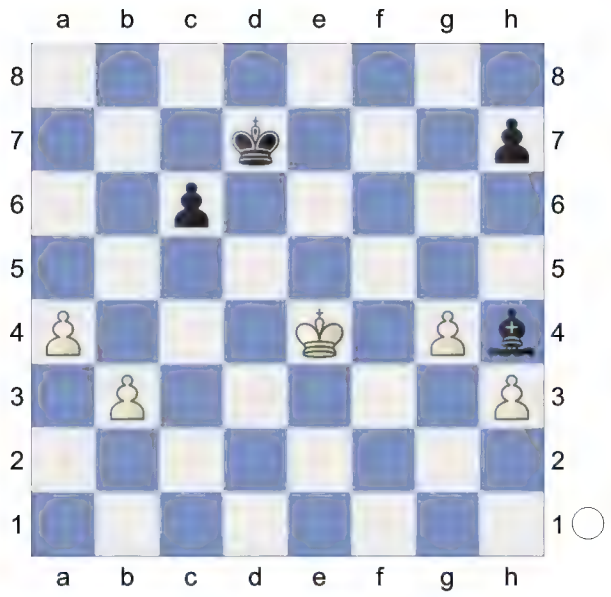
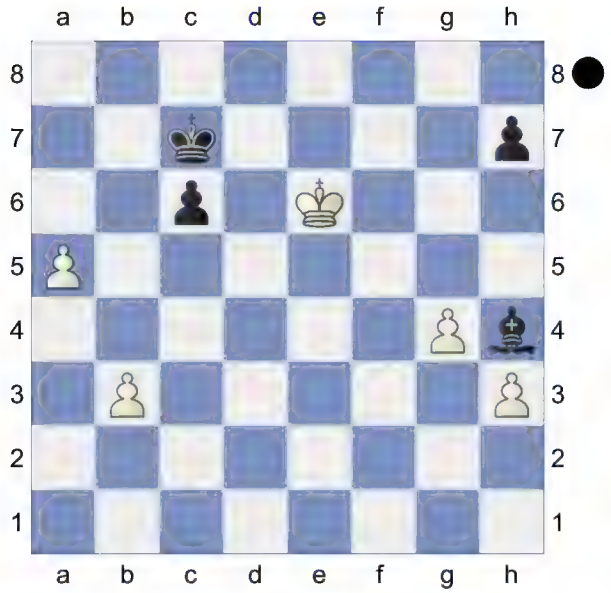


66.Kf5 Kd6 67.a5 Kc7 68.Ke6? -6.37/26
[68.g5= 0.00/27]



68...Bf2? -0.08/27
[68...h6!-+ -6.37/26 69.Kf7 Kb7]
69.a6? -3.20/27
[69.g5= -0.08/27]

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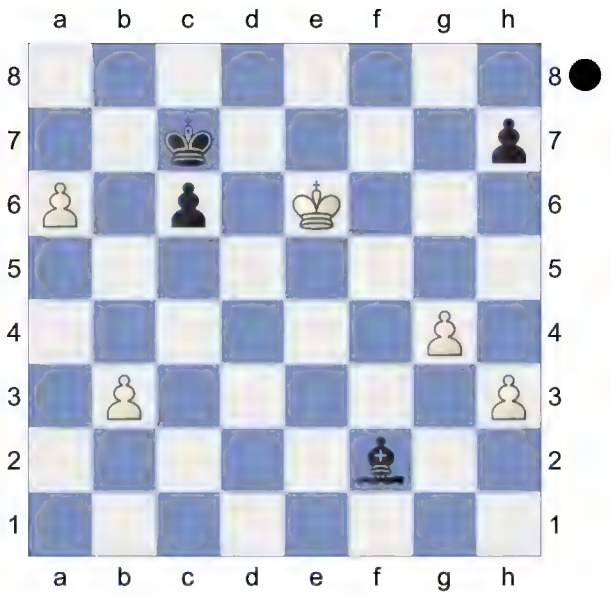
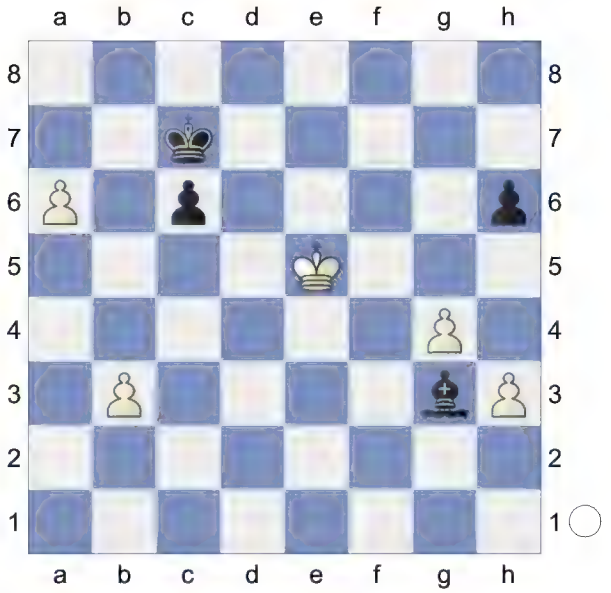
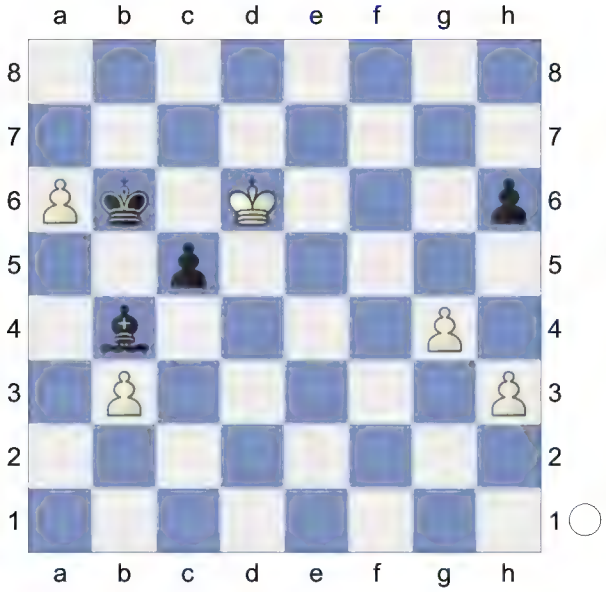


69...h6!-+ 70.Ke5? -8.19/28
[70.b4= -0.12/25 Be1 71.a7]
70...Bg3+? -0.13/30
[70...Kb6-+ -8.19/28 71.Kd6 c5 *(71...Kxa6 72.Kxc6 Ka5 73.Kd5-+)*]



71.Ke6? -8.19/26
[71.Kf6= -0.13/30]
71...Bf2? -1.40/22
[71...Kb6-+ -8.19/26 72.Kd7 c5 *(72...Kxa6 73.Kxc6 Ka5 74.Kc5-+)*]
72.Ke5? -8.19/29
[72.b4∓ -1.40/22]

72...Be1 73.Ke6 Kb6 74.Kd7 c5 75.Kd6? -5.40/31
[75.a7!= -0.12/30 and White is okay. Kxa7 76.Kc6]
75...Bb4? -0.12/34
[Not 75...Kxa6 76.Kxc5 Bd2 77.Kd5=]
[75...Bf2!-+ -5.40/31 76.Kd5 Kxa6]



76.Kd5= The position is equal. **76...Kxa6** KB-K3P **77.Kc6 Ka5 78.h4 Ba3 79.g5 Kb4** ...h5 would now be deadly. **80.gxh6 Bb2**
[80...Kxb3!? 81.h7□ Bb2 82.Kxc5 Kc2=]

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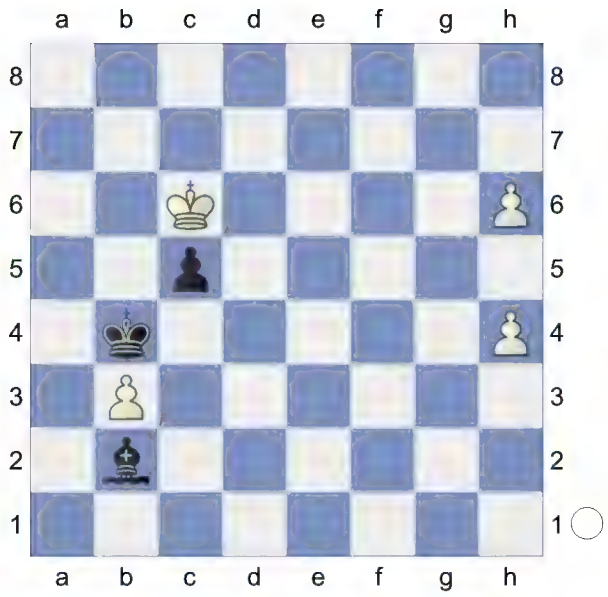
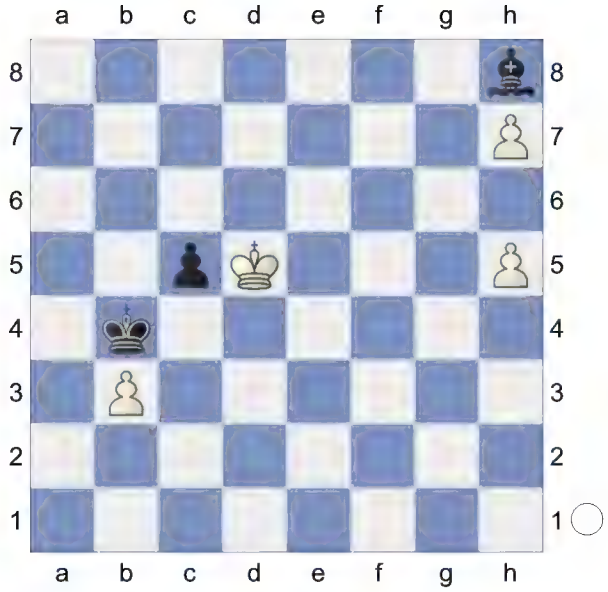


81.Kd5 Bh8
[81...Bd4!? 82.h7□ Kb5= *(82...Kxb3 83.h8Q=)*]
82.h5 Bf6 83.h7 Bh8 84.Kc6 Bd4 85.Kd5 Bh8



86.Kc6 Bg7 87.h6 Bh8
[87...Bxh6? too greedy. 88.h8Q *(88.h8R Kxb3 89.Kxc5 Be3+ 90.Kd5 Bd2=)* 88...Be3 89.Qh3+-]
88.Kb6 Bb2 89.Kc6 Bh8 90.Kb6 Bb2

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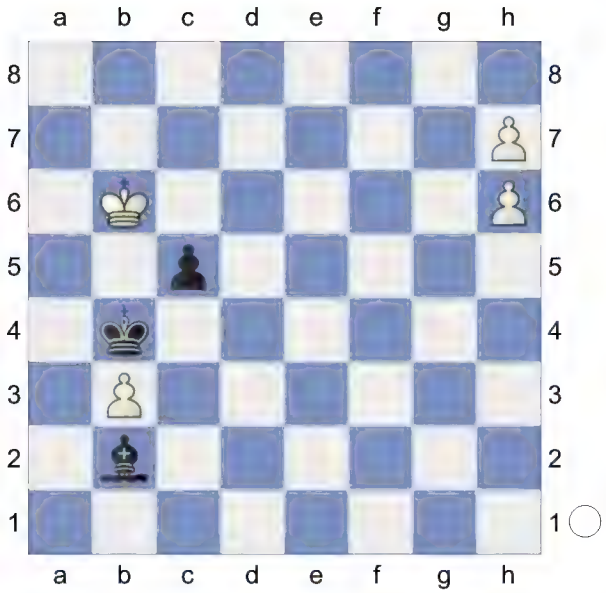
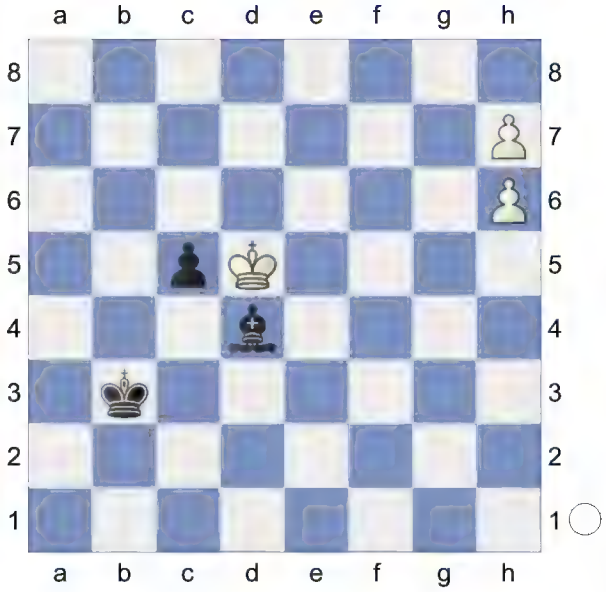


91.Kc6 Ba1 92.Kb6 Bh8 93.Kc6 Bd4 94.Kd5 White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
94...Kxb3



½-½

3 **A26**
□ **Stoofvlees Ii A14** **3746**
■ **Arasan 22.0_c5b58e5** **3620**
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[Kitty Kat]

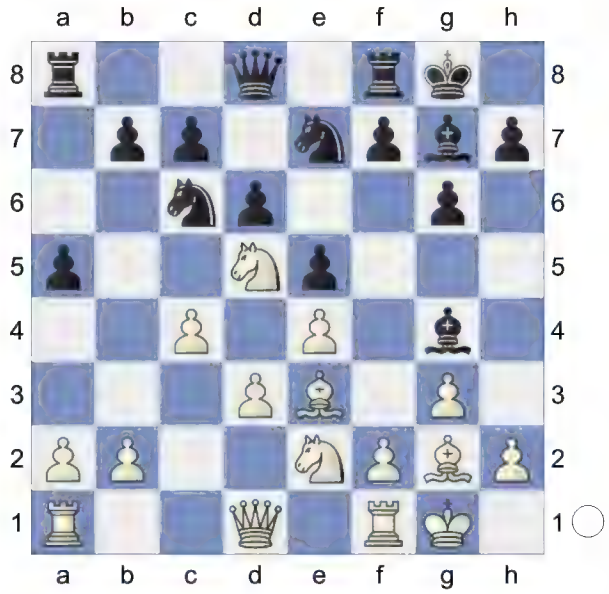
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6

6.e4 Nge7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 Be6
[8...Nd4 9.Be3 c6 10.Qd2 Be6 11.f4 Qd7 12.Bf2 d5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.fxe5 Nxe2+ 16.Qxe2 Bg4 17.Qe4 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Bf5 19.Qxb7 Qxd3 20.Qf3 Qb5 21.Qe3 Rac8 22.Qxa7 Bxe5 23.a4 1-0 (67) Djuric,S (2630)-Peltais,A (2620) 48/616 Odessa 1989]
9.Nd5 a5N
[9...f5 10.f4 Qd7 11.Be3 Rab8 12.Rb1 Nd4 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Bf2 fxe4 16.Bxe4 Qd7 17.b3 Rfe8 18.Qc2 c5 19.Rfe1 h6 20.Bf3 Bg4 21.Bd5+ Kf8 22.Qd2 Bf6 23.a4 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 ½-½ (37) Frank,A (1857)-Camus De

Solliers,G (2325) Reykjavik op 2023 (6) Re8 25.Be4 Kg7 26.Qb2 Re7 27.Qd2 Qe8 28.Kg2 Qd7 29.Bd5 Rxe1 30.Qxe1 Bh3+ 31.Kg1 Qg4 32.Bg2 g5 33.fxg5 Bxg5 34.Bxh3 Qxh3 35.Qe4 Kf6 36.Qf3+ Qf5 37.Qxf5+ Kxf5 ½-½ Giesbergen,H (1857)-Moborn,A (2325) Dublin 1993 (6)]

[9...Nc8 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Bd2 a5 13.Nf4 Bd7 14.Rc1 Ra7 15.b3 c6 16.Bh3 Be8 17.Ng2 Ne7 18.f4 f5 19.Ne1 b6 20.Qe2 c5 21.Nf3 Nc6 22.exf5 Bd7 23.a3 Ne7 24.g4 1-0 (41) Mohd,A (2165)-9.♗e3 ♗d7 10. ♕e1 70233 (2265) 103/(50) Moscow 2008 (5.2)]

10.Be3 Bg4



11.h3 Nxd5 White is slightly better.
12.cxd5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 Black is weak on the light squares
15.Rac1 Ra6

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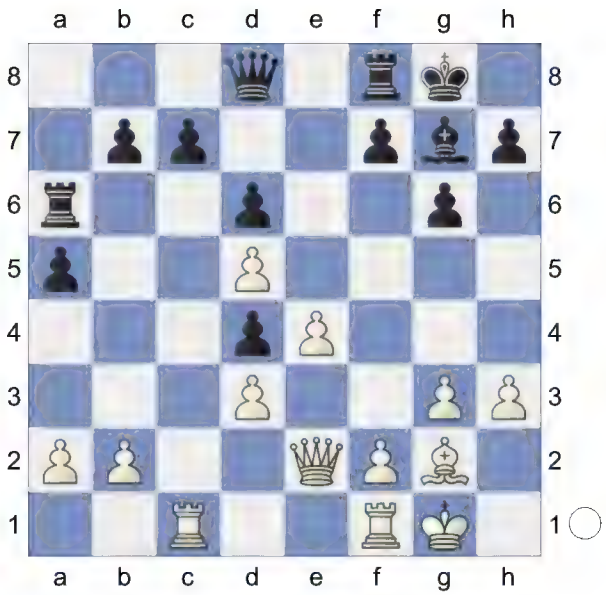
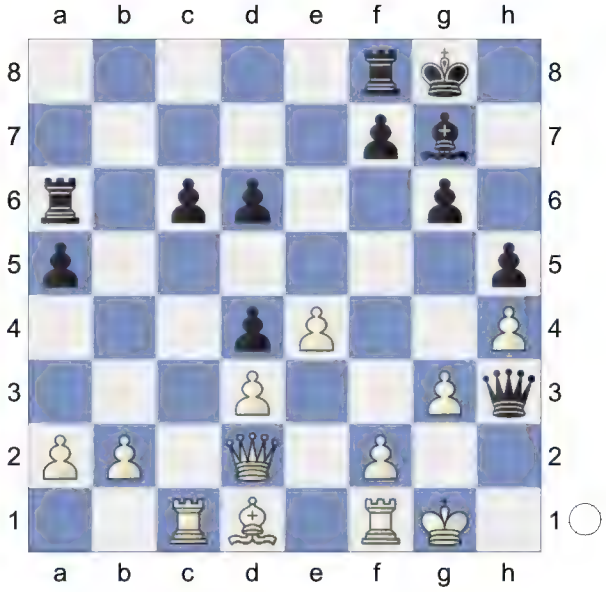


16.h4 c5 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.Qd2 Qd7 19.Bf3 h5 20.Bd1 Qh3



21.Ba4 c5 22.Bb3 Kh7 23.Qe2 Raa8 24.Rfe1 f5 25.exf5 Qxf5

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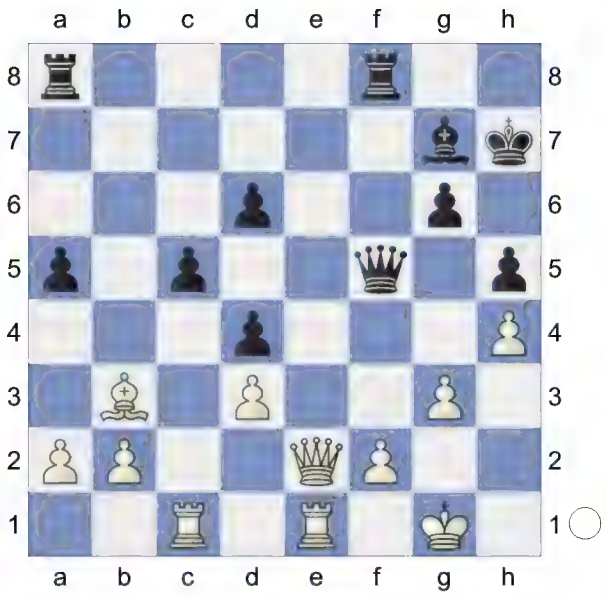
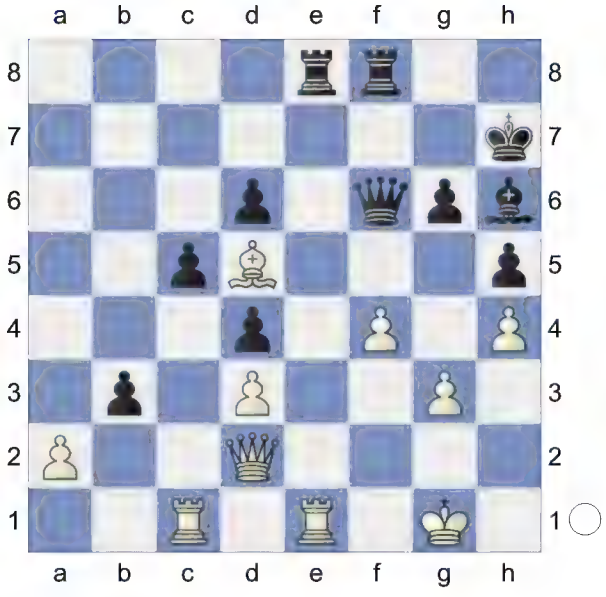


26.Be6 Qf6 27.Bd5 Rae8 28.Qd2
[28.Qxe8? Qxf2+ 29.Kh1 Rxe8 30.Rxe8 Qxg3-+]
28...Bh6 29.f4 a4 30.b3 White is more active. **30...axb3**



31.axb3 Qf5

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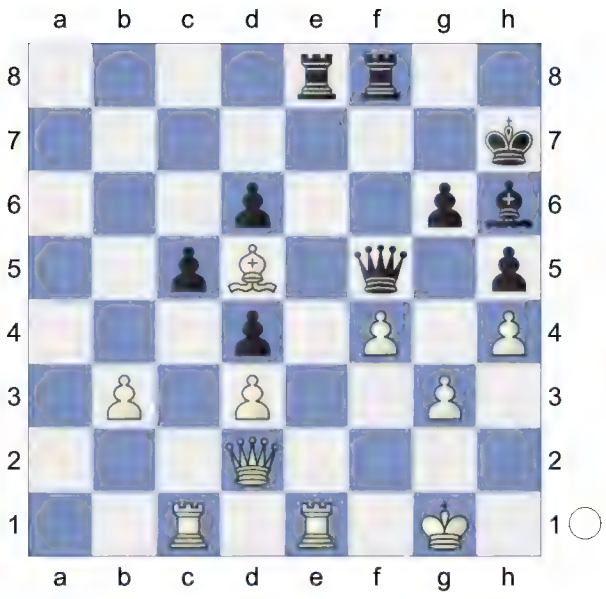
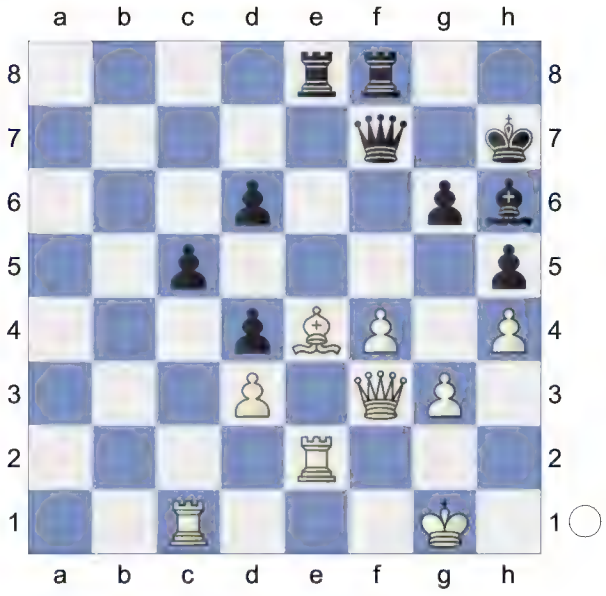


32.Be4 Qg4 33.Qg2 Qe6 34.Qf3 Qxb3 35.Re2
[35.Qxh5? Rxe4 36.Qf3 Ree8-+]
35...Qf7



36.Ra1 White has strong compensation.
[36.Qxh5? Rxe4 37.Qf3 Rxe2 38.Qxe2 Re8-+]
36...Kh8 37.Ra6 Qe6 38.Kg2 Re7 39.Rc2 Qb3 40.Rf2 Qe6

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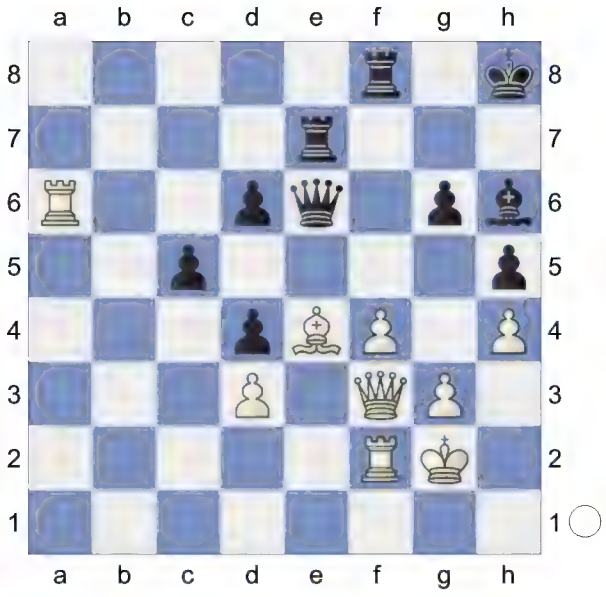
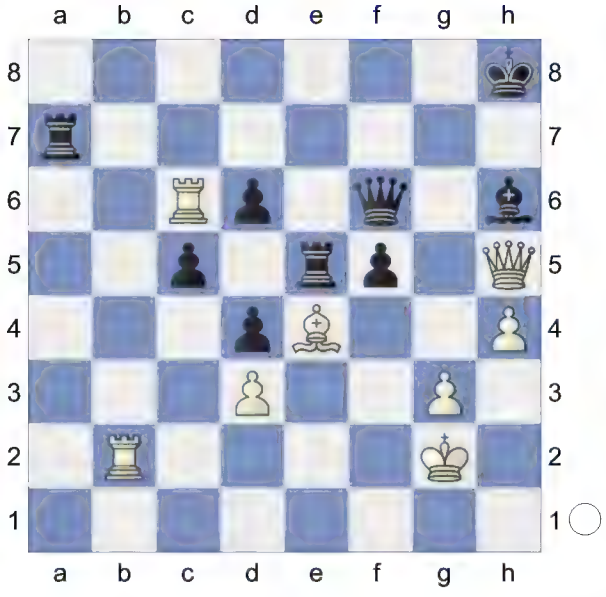


41.Rc6 Qf6 42.Rc2 Ra7 43.Rb2 Re8 44.f5 0.11/18

[44.Kh2± 0.90/19]

44...gxf5= The position is equal.

45.Qxh5 Re5

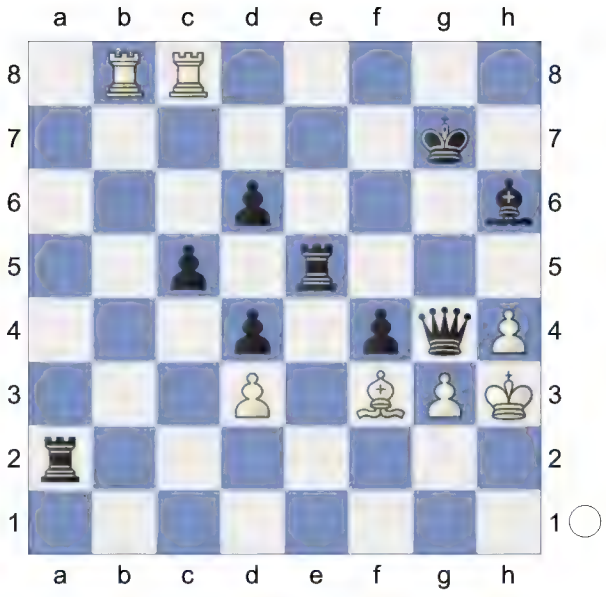


46.Bf3 Qe6 Wards off Rc8+ **47.Rb8+ Kg7 48.Rcc8 Ra2+ 49.Kh3**

Chess con chili. **49...f4+ 50.Qg4+!**

[50.Bg4 Rh2+ 51.Kxh2 Qa2+ 52.Kh3 Rxh5 53.Bxh5 Kf6 54.Rf8+ Bxf8 55.Rxf8+ Kg7 56.Rxf4 Qe6+ 57.Bg4 Qe3∓]

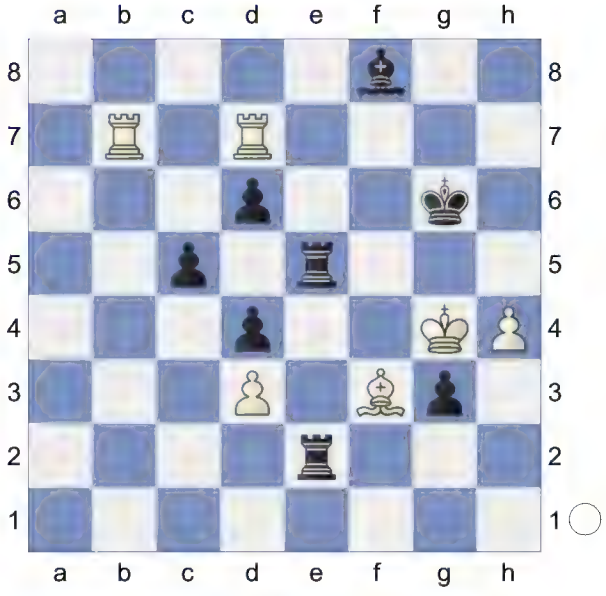
50...Qxg4+



Remove Defender **51.Kxg4 fxg3 52.Rc7+ Kf6 53.Rbb7 Rae2!**

Deflection **54.Rh7 Kg6 55.Rhd7**

h5+ would kill now. **55...Bf8**



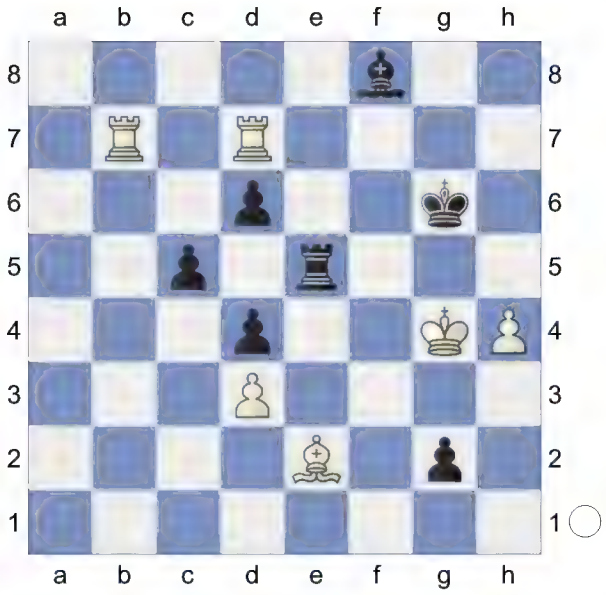
56.Bxe2

[56.Kxg3 R2e3 57.Kg2 Rxd3∓]

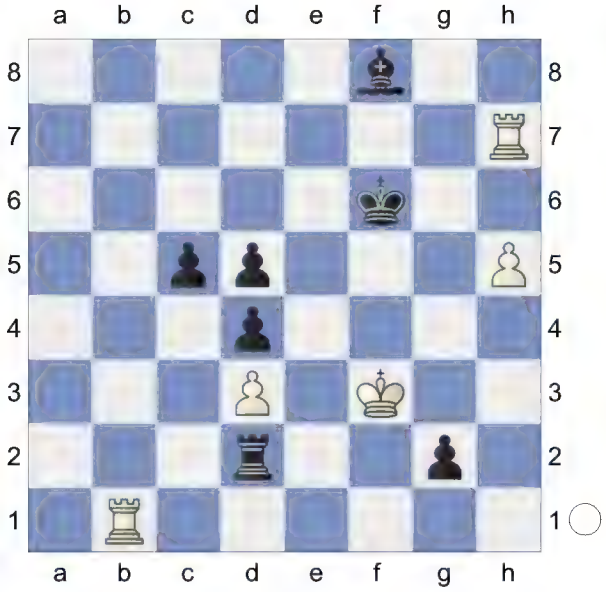
[56.h5+ Rxh5 57.Bxe2 g2]

56...g2

(Diagram)

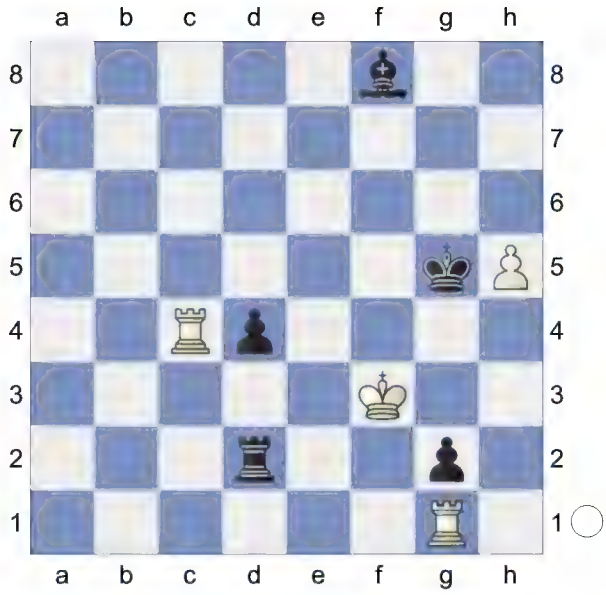


57.Rb1 Rxe2 Endgame KRR-KRB
58.h5+ Kf6 59.Kf3 Rd2 60.Rh7 d5

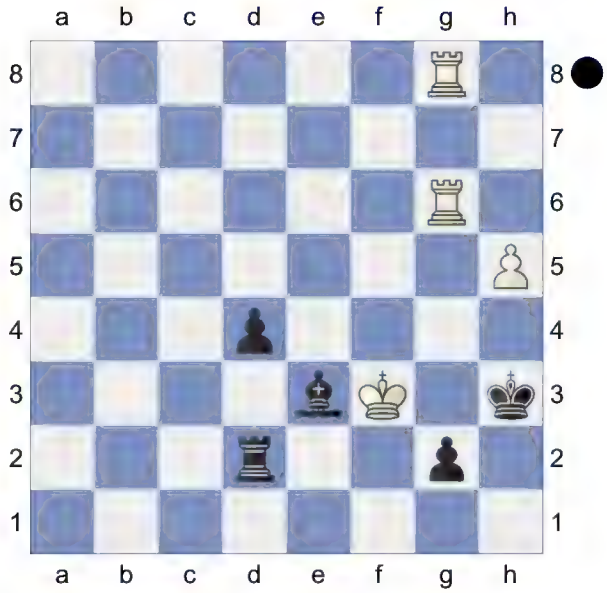


61.Rd7 Ke6
[61...Rxd3+? 62.Kxg2 Ke5 63.Rb8+-]
62.Rc7 Kf6
[62...Rxd3+ 63.Kxg2 Rd2+ 64.Kg1]
63.Rg1 c4 64.dxc4 dxc4 65.Rxc4
Rc8! is in the air
[Don't play 65.Rxg2 Rxg2 66.Kxg2 Kg5±]
65...Kg5

(Diagram)



66.Rc8 Bh6 67.Ra1 Kh4 68.Rg8 Kh3
[68...Kxh5? too greedy. 69.Ra5++-]
69.Ra6 Be3 aiming for ...Rf2+.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
70.Rag6



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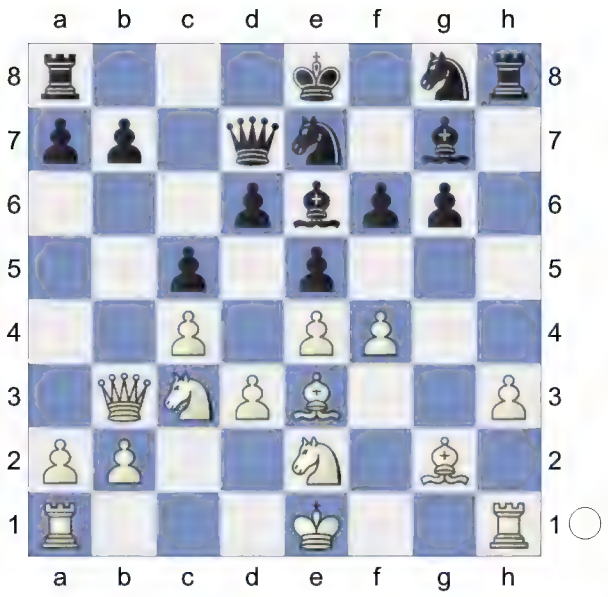
4 **A26**
□ **Tomlesspit** **3090**
■ **Kunkkabot** **3054**
Blitz 14.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg2 d6 5.d3 Bg7

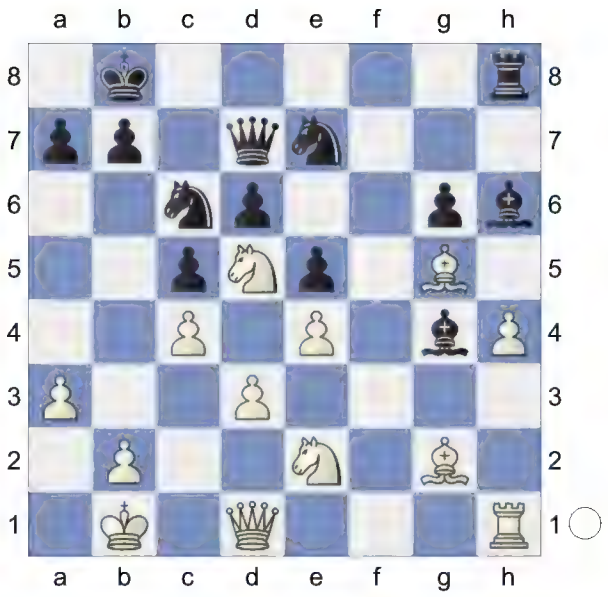
6.e4 Be6 7.Nge2 h5N
[7...Nh6 8.Nd5 f5 9.h4 0-0 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.Qd2 Ng4 12.f3 Nf6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.h5 Bg7 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.0-0-0 Ne7 17.f4 exf4 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Nxf4 Qf6 20.e5 Theory 2A: 1... g6-Theory,A]
[7...Nge7 8.Nd5 *(8.Be3 Qd7 9.0-0 h5 10.Nd5 Bh3 11.f4 0-0-0 12.f5 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 gxf5 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Rxf5 Bh6 16.Qd2 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 h4 18.Qg5 Qxg5 19.Rxg5 hxg3 20.Rxg3 Rdg8 21.a3 Kd7 22.Rf1 Ke6* 0-1 (43) Garcia Sanchez,H-Suarez Vera,A (1637) Manizales op 30th 2025 (6)*)* 8...Qd7 9.Bg5 Ng8 10.0-0 h6 11.Be3 Nd4 12.Bxd4 exd4 13.Nef4 Bxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.Bh3 Qd8 16.Qa4+ Kf8 17.Rae1 Bf6 18.Re4 Kg7 19.Rfe1 h5 20.Qd1 c6 21.Qe2 Ng8 22.dxc6 1-0 (35) Flores,D (2517)-Mussanti,D (2251) Buenos Aires 9 July op 5th 2023 (3)]
[7...f5 8.0-0 Nf6 9.f4 0-0 10.h3 Qd7 11.Kh2 fxe4 12.dxe4 Bxc4 13.b3 Be6 14.Bb2 Rae8 15.Qd3 Nb4 16.Qd2 exf4 17.Nxf4 Bf7 18.Rae1 Nc6 19.Ncd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Qxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxg7+ 1-0 (73) Paikens,R (2286)-Marcziter,D (2220) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz 2024 (11)]
8.h3 Qd7 9.Nd5 h4! 10.gxh4 Nce7

11.Bg5 c6 The position is equal.
12.Ndc3 f6 13.Be3 Rxh4 14.f4 Rh8 15.Qb3 c5

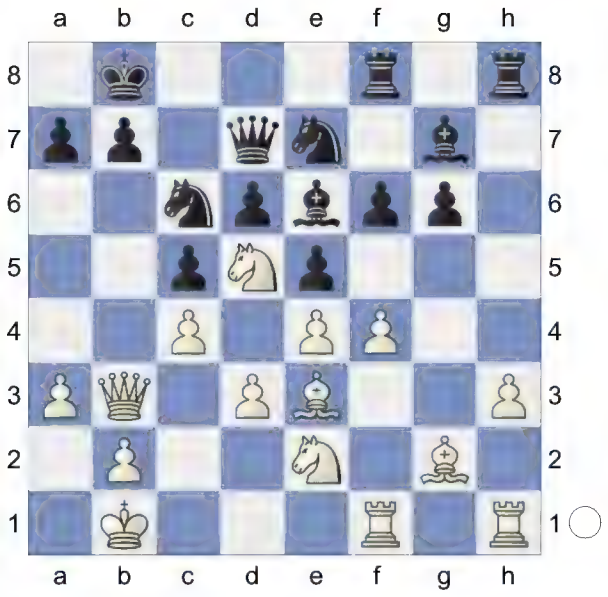
(Diagram)



16.Nd5 Nc6 17.0-0-0 0-0-0 18.Kb1 Kb8 19.Rdf1 Rf8 20.a3 Nge7



Hoping for ...Bxg5. **26.Bxh6 Nxd5 27.exd5 Nd4 28.Qd2 Bxe2 29.Be3**



21.fxe5 fxe5 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Bg5 Rh8 24.Qd1 Bh6 25.h4 Bg4

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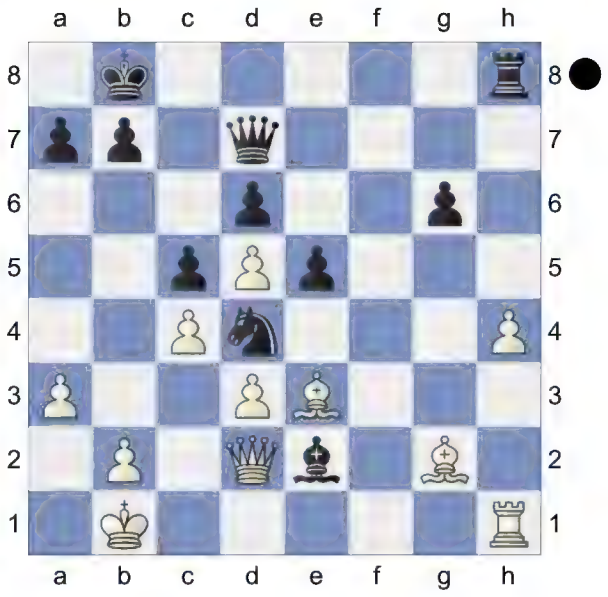

Qg4 30.Rg1 Nb3

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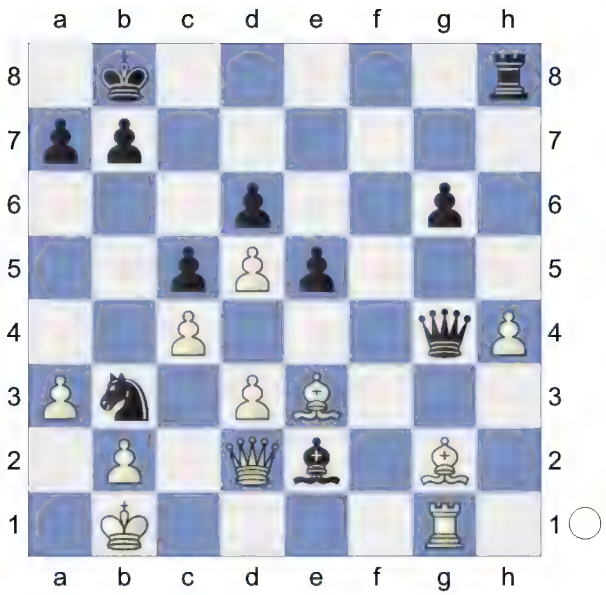
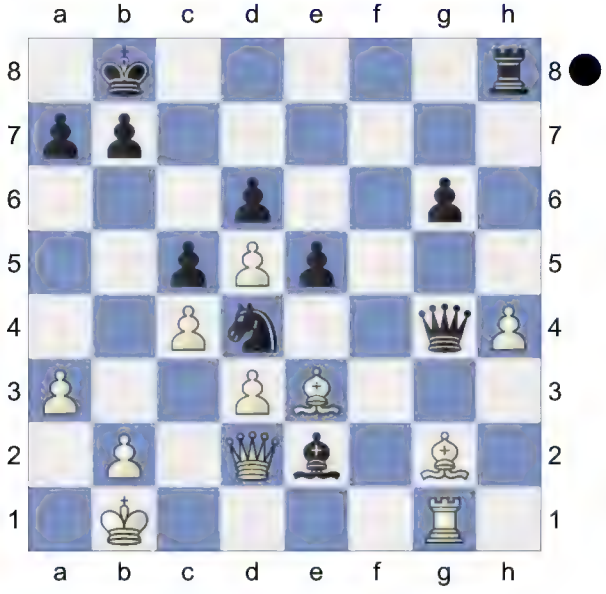


31.Qc2 Nd4 32.Qd2 Nb3 33.Qc2 and Be4 should not be overlooked **33...Nd4** An even fight not without its subleties.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
34.Qd2!



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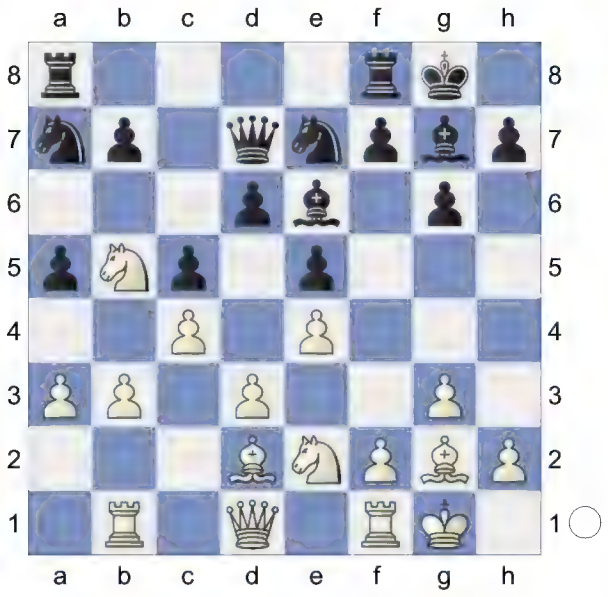
5 **A36**
□ **Torombot** **3087**
■ **Botharu** **2891**
Blitz 19.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
1.c4 c5 2.d3 g6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e6

6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 e5 8.Rb1 Nge7 9.a3 White is slightly better. **9...a5 10.0-0 0-0**

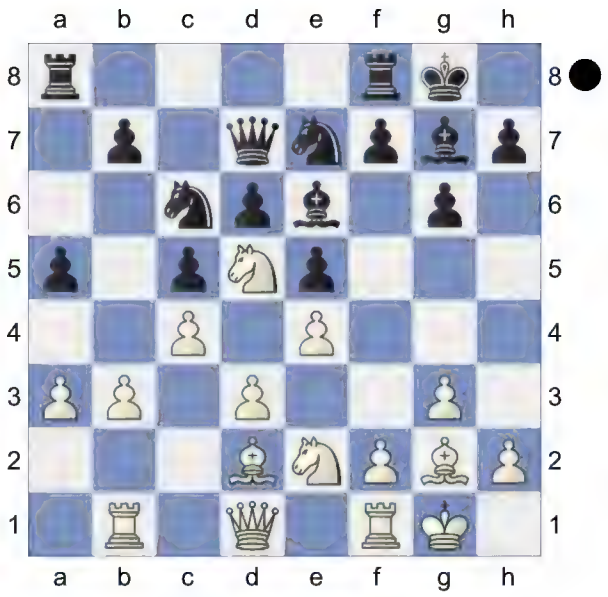
(Diagram)

11.b3 Be6 12.Nb5 Qd7 13.Bd2 Na7 14.Nbc3 Nac6 15.Nb5 Na7

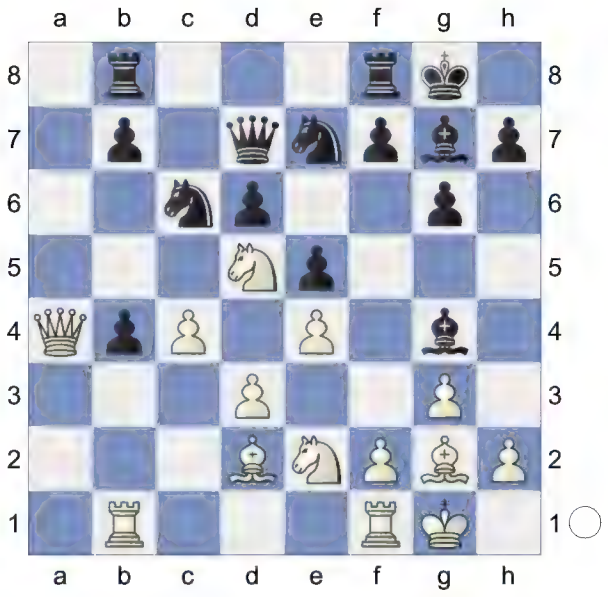


16.Nbc3 Nac6 17.Nd5

(Diagram)



Rab8 18.b4 cxb4 19.axb4 axb4 20.Qa4 Bg4



21.f3! Nxd5 22.cxd5 Nd4 23.Qd1 Nxe2+ 24.Qxe2 Bh3 25.Rb2 Bxg2

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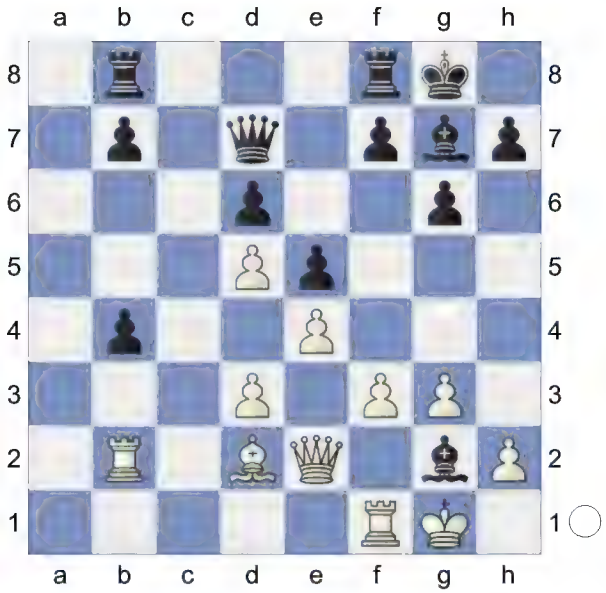
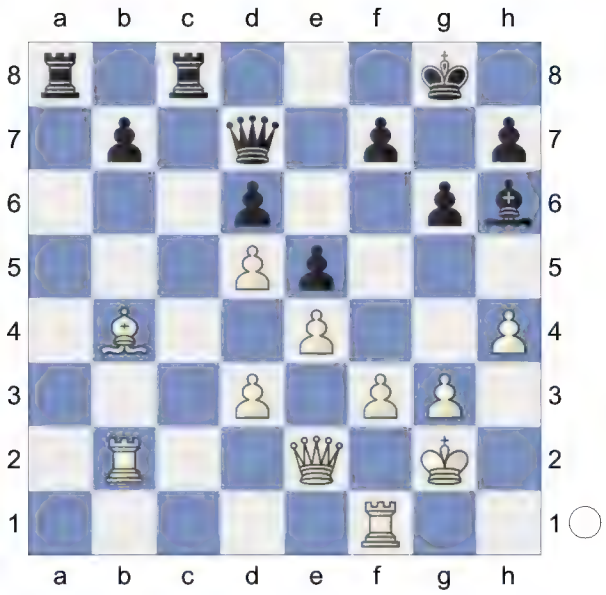


26.Kxg2 Rfc8 27.Bxb4 Bh6 28.h4 Ra8



29.h5! Bc1
[29...Rc1 30.Rxc1]
30.Rb1 Bh6

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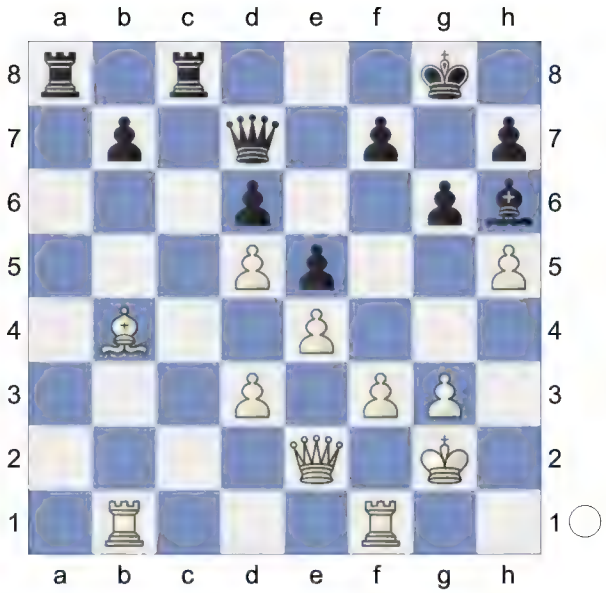
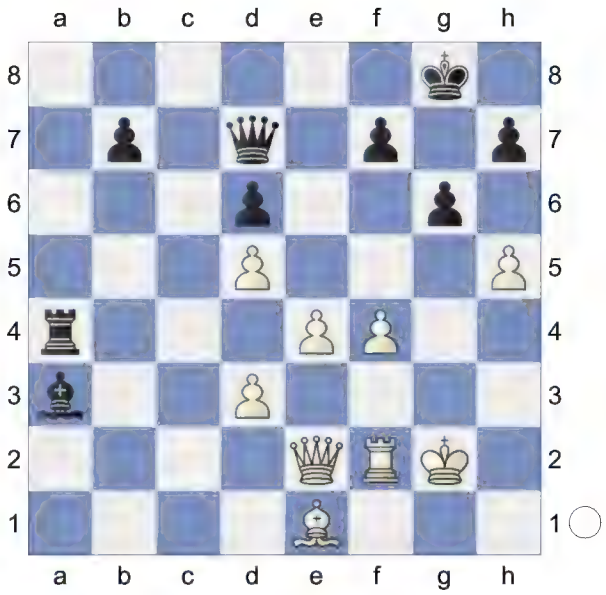
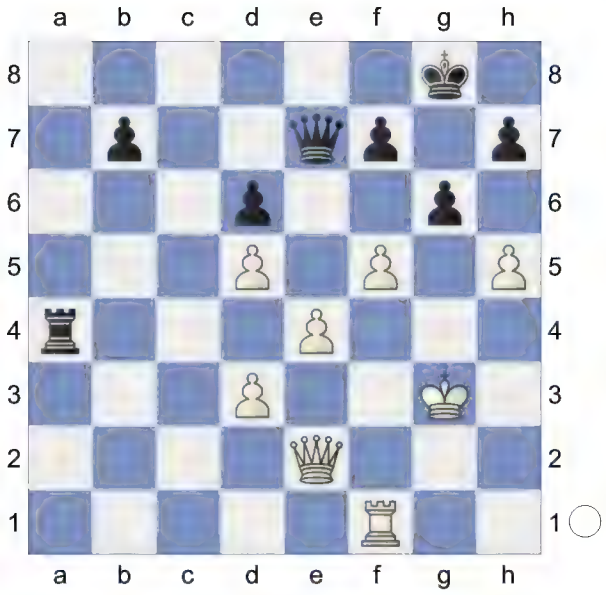


31.Rf2 Rc1 32.Rxc1 Bxc1 33.f4 exf4 34.gxf4 Ra4 35.Be1 Ba3!

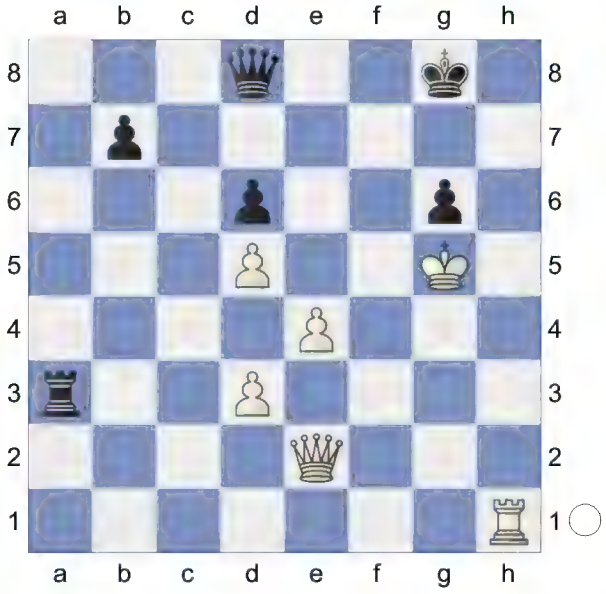


36.f5 Bc5 37.Rf1 Bd4 38.Bf2 Be5 39.Bg3 Bxg3
[39...Qe7 40.fxg6 hxg6 41.hxg6 Qg5]
40.Kxg3= Endgame KQR-KQR
40...Qe7

(Diagram)



41.fxg6 hxg6 The position is equal. **42.hxg6 fxg6 43.Kg4 Ra3**
[43...Qe5 44.Qf2 Qh5+ 45.Kg3 Qg5+]
44.Rh1
[44.Qf3 looks sharper. Kg7 45.Qe3 Qd7+ 46.Kh4]
44...Qd7+! 45.Kg5 Qd8+



46.Kxg6 Qe8+! 47.Kh6 Qf8+ 48.Kh5 Qf7+ 49.Kg5 Qg7+ 50.Kf4 Qf6+

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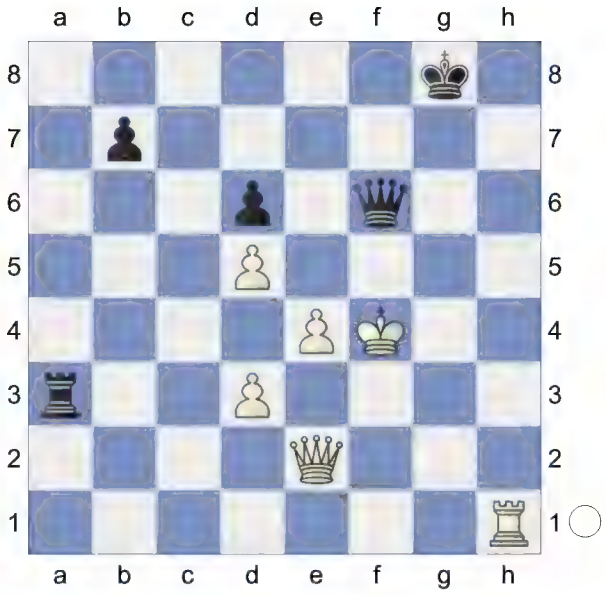
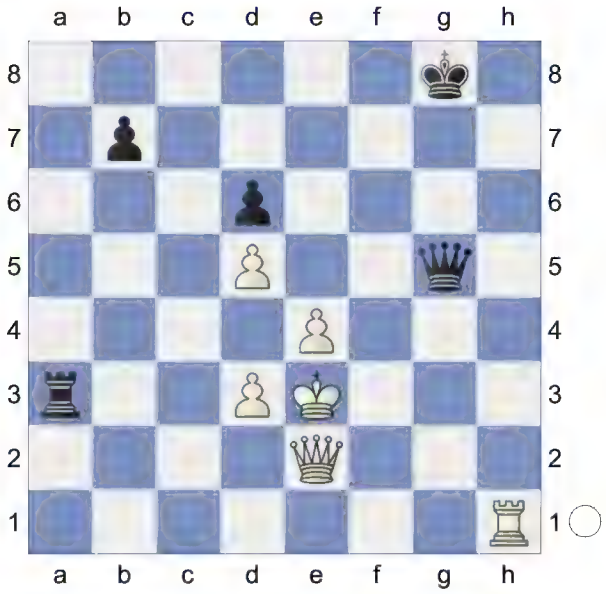
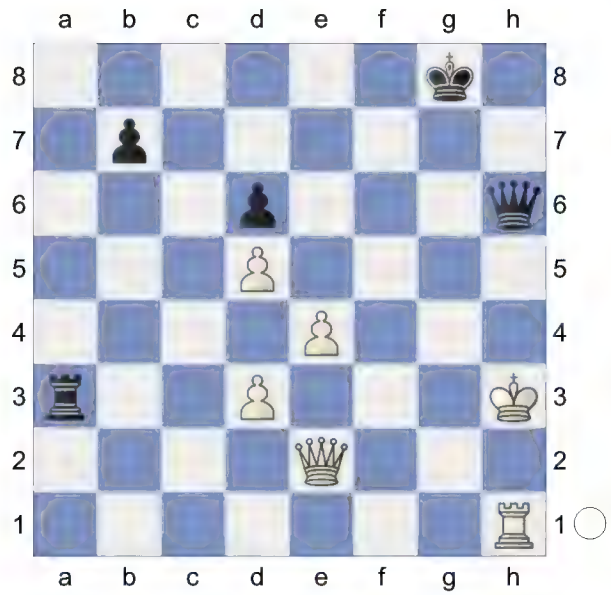


51.Kg4 Qg7+ 52.Kf3 Qf6+! 53.Kg4 Qg7+ 54.Kf3 Qf6+ 55.Ke3 White threatens Qg4+ and mate. **55...Qg5+**



56.Kf2 Qf4+ 57.Kg2 And now Rh3 would win. **57...Qg5+ 58.Kh3 Qh6+ 59.Kg2 Qg5+ 60.Kh3 Qh6+**

(Diagram)

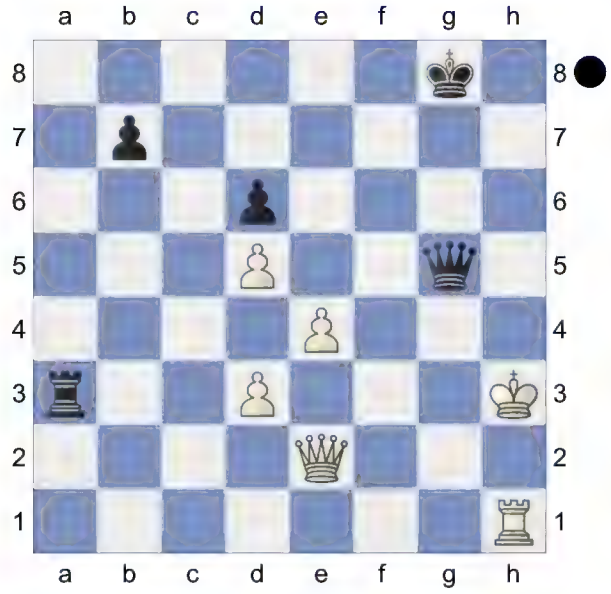


61.Kg3 Qg5+

[61...Qxh1!? 62.Qg4+□ Kh8
63.Qc8+ Kg7 64.Qd7+ Kh8
65.Qc8+=]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

62.Kh3



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6 **A15**

□ **Torombot** **3076**

■ **Odonata** **2814**

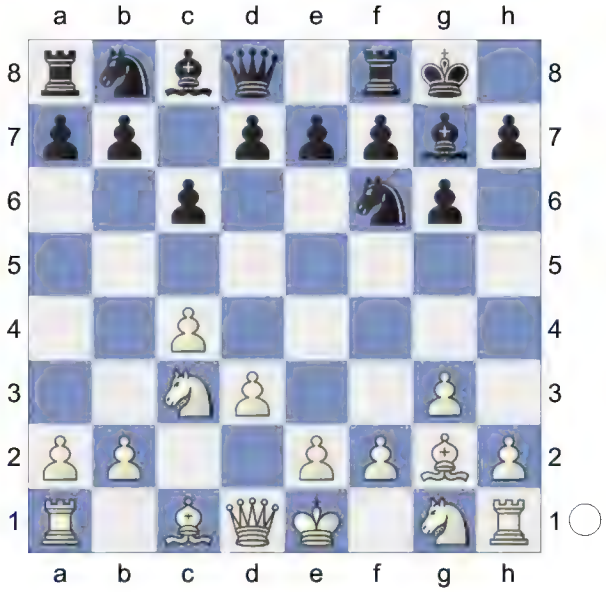
Blitz 23.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

A16: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...d5

1.c4 Nf6 2.d3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 c6



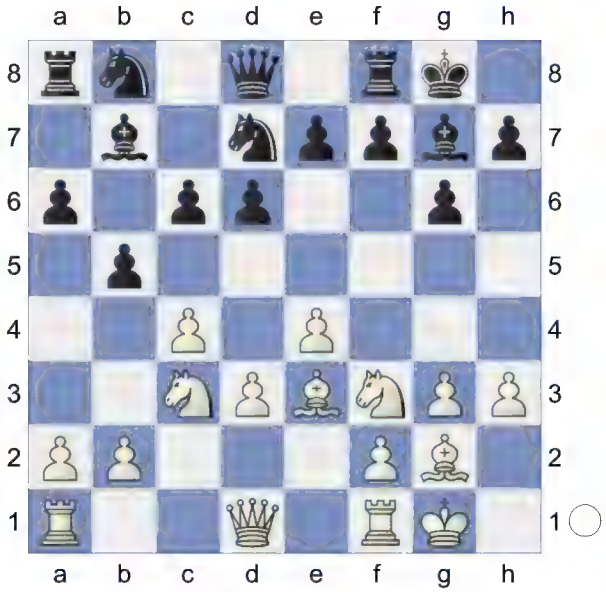
6.e4 d6 7.h3N

[7.Nge2 a6 *(7...Na6 8.0-0 Rb8 9.a4 Nb4 10.Be3 a5 11.h3 e6 12.d4 e5 13.Qd2 exd4 14.Nxd4 Re8 15.Rad1 Qe7 16.Rfe1 Nd7 17.Nc2 Ne5 18.Na3 Be6 19.b3 Bf8 20.f4 Nd7 21.Qf2 Nc5 22.Bxc5* ½-½ (61) Martin (2220)-Maliszewski,J (1754) EU-chT (Men) 16th 2007 (11)*)*
8.h3 *(8.a4 a5 9.h3 Na6 10.Be3 Nb4 11.f4 Nd7 12.d4 e6 13.0-0 f5 14.e5 d5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Na2 Nxa2 17.Rxa2 Nb8 18.Nc1 Na6 19.Nd3 Be6 20.Qd2 Rf7 21.b4* ½-½ Reinderman,D (2526)-L'Ami,E (2600) (ch) 102/(9) 2008*; 8.0-0 b5 9.Rb1 e5 10.h3 b4 11.Na4 c5 12.f4 Nc6 13.Be3 Nd7 14.f5 h6 15.Qd2*

g5 16.h4 f6 17.Bf3 Nb6 18.Nxb6 Qxb6 19.Bh5 Bd7 20.g4 Be8 21.Ng3 Qd8 22.Kg2 Bxh5 1-0 (62) Tazbir,M (2523)-Rutkowski,M (2402) POL-chT 66th 2010 (6)*)* 8...b5 9.Be3 Nfd7 10.Qd2 bxc4 11.dxc4 Ne5 12.b3 c5 13.f4 Nec6 14.Rd1 Ra7 15.0-0 Rd7 16.Qc1 Bb7 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxc5 ½-½ Lubienski,T (2068)-12.Rc3 e5 13.de5 (2321) USCCC-1 Final 7476 1974 (4)]

7...a6 8.Be3 b5 The position is equal.

9.Nf3 Bb7 10.0-0 Nfd7



11.Qb3 Nc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.e5 e6 0.94/26

[Better is 13...Qxd3± 0.34/21 14.e6 f5]

14.Rfe1± Nd7 15.Re2 Qb8

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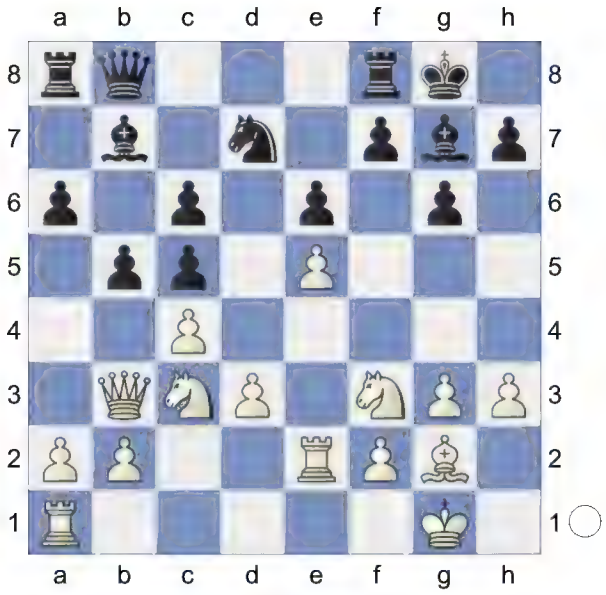
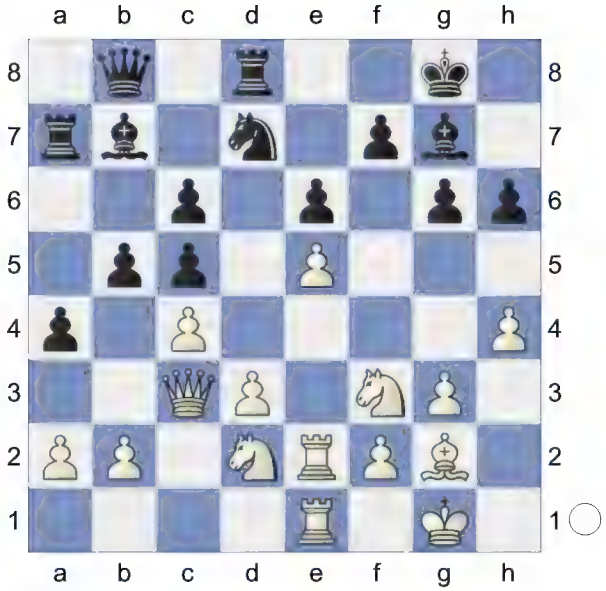


16.Rae1 a5 17.Nb1 White is more active.

[17.cxb5?! cxb5 18.Qxb5 Ra7=]

17...Ra7 18.h4 a4 19.Qc3 Rd8 20.Nbd2 h6



21.Nf1 Ba6 22.b3 Bb7 23.Qc1 axb3 24.axb3 Rf8 25.N1h2 Kh7

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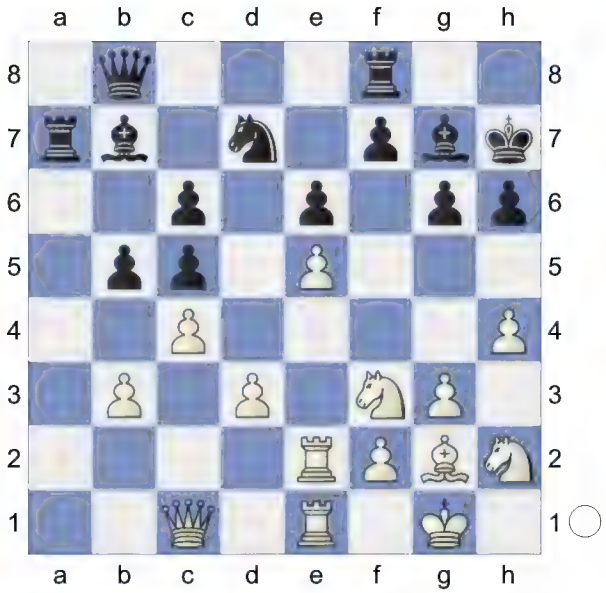
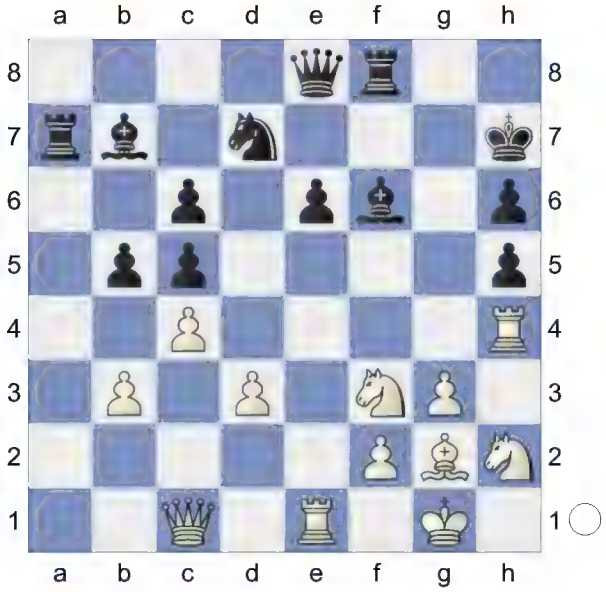


26.h5! gxh5

[26...g5 27.Ng4]

27.Re4 Qe8 28.Rh4 f5 29.exf6 Bxf6



30.Ng4! Bg7

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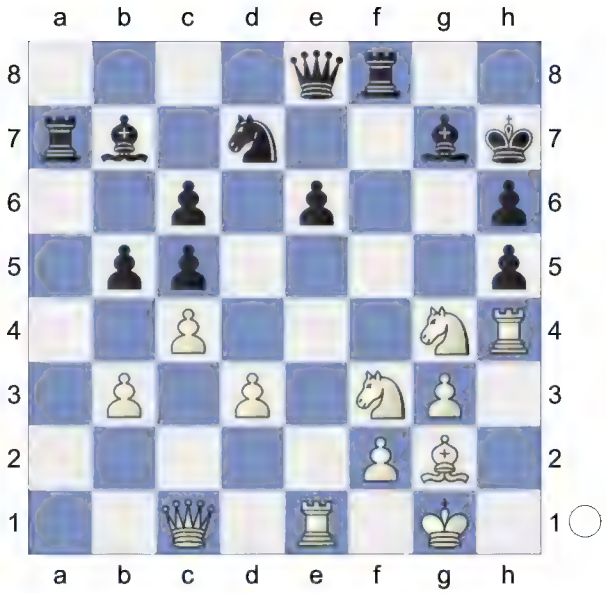


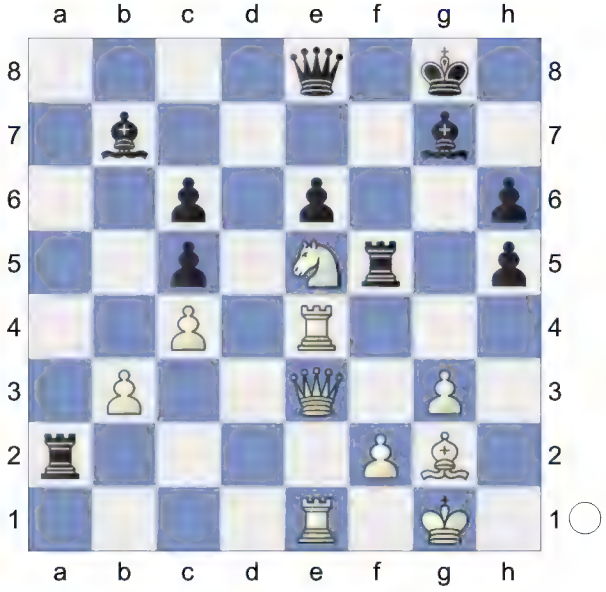
Strongly threatening ...Ra1. **31.Nge5 Nxe5 32.Nxe5 Kg8 33.Qe3 bxc4 34.dxc4 Rf5** 2.52/19

[⌓34...Ra2 1.86/18]

35.Re4!+-

[35.Qxc5?! Ra2±]

35...Ra2



36.Nf3

[36.Qxc5 Rfxf2 37.Qxf2 Rxf2 38.Kxf2 Qd8±]

[36.Nd3?! Bc8±]

36...Bc8 37.Bh3 Rf8

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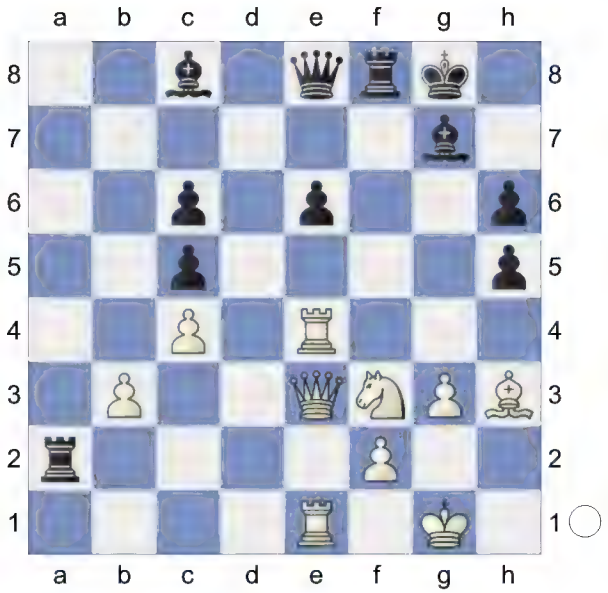
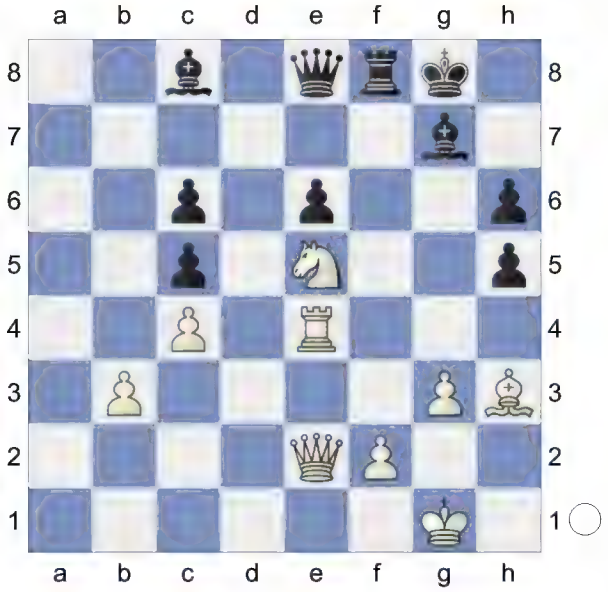


38.Re2!

[38.Bxe6+ Bxe6 39.Rxe6 Qf7=]

38...Rxe2 39.Qxe2 Rf6 40.Ne5 Rf8



41.Kg2 Bf6 42.Nd3 h4 43.Bxe6+

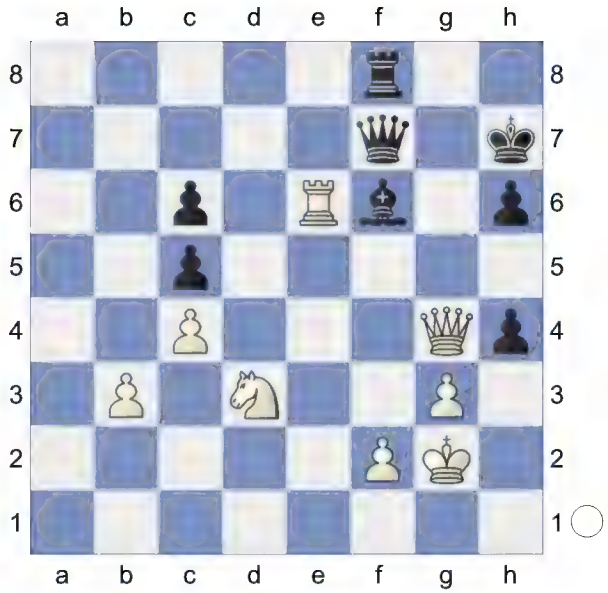
[43.gxh4 Qf7 44.Bxe6 *(44.Nxc5 Kh8+-)* 44...Bxe6 45.Rxe6 Qg6+ 46.Kh2 Rf7+-]

43...Bxe6 44.Rxe6 Qf7 45.Qg4+

[Less strong is 45.Rxc6 hxg3 46.fxg3 *(46.Rxc5 gxf2 47.Qxf2 Qb7+ 48.Rd5 Qxb3=)* 46...Qe7+-]

[45.Nxc5 Bd4+-]

45...Kh7



46.Qe4+

[46.Nxc5 hxg3 47.Qf5+ *(47.Rxc6 gxf2 48.Kf1 Bg7±; 47.Kxg3? Rg8-+* Pin*; 47.fxg3 Bd4+-; 47.Qxg3? Rg8-+* Pin *)* 47...Kg8 48.fxg3 *(48.Rxc6 gxf2 49.Qxf2 Qh7=)* 48...Qa7 49.Rxf6 Rxf6 50.Qxf6 Qxc5 51.Qxh6 Qb6+-]

[46.gxh4? Rg8 47.Re4 Bxh4-+ *(47...Rxg4+? 48.Rxg4 Bxh4 49.Rxh4-+)*]

[46.Rxc6 hxg3 47.Qf5+ *(47.Rxc5 gxf2 48.Kf1 Qe8=; 47.Kxg3? Rg8-+* Pin*; 47.Nxc5 gxf2 48.Kf1 h5±; 47.fxg3 Bd4+-; 47.Qxg3? Rg8-+* Pin *)* 47...Kg8 48.fxg3 *(48.Rxc5 gxf2 49.Nxf2 Kh8±)* 48...Bd4 49.Qxf7+ Rxf7±]

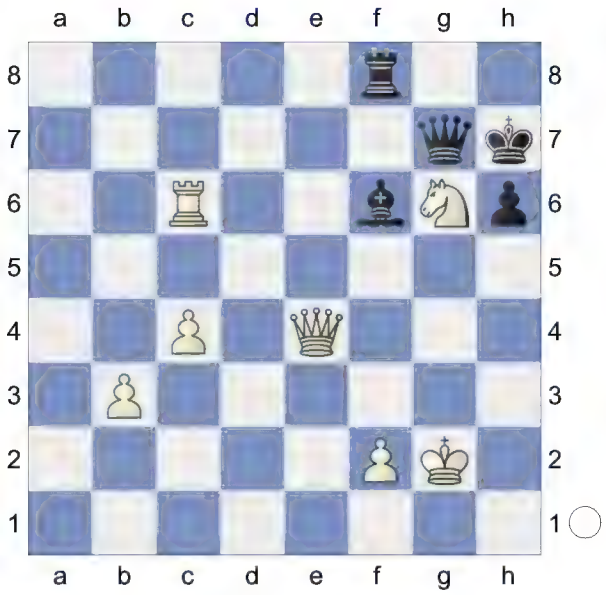
46...Kg7 47.gxh4 Bxh4 48.Rxc6 Bd8 49.Rxc5

[49.Nxc5? is the wrong capture. Qxf2+ 50.Kh3 Rf3+-+]

49...Kh8 50.Rc6 Bf6

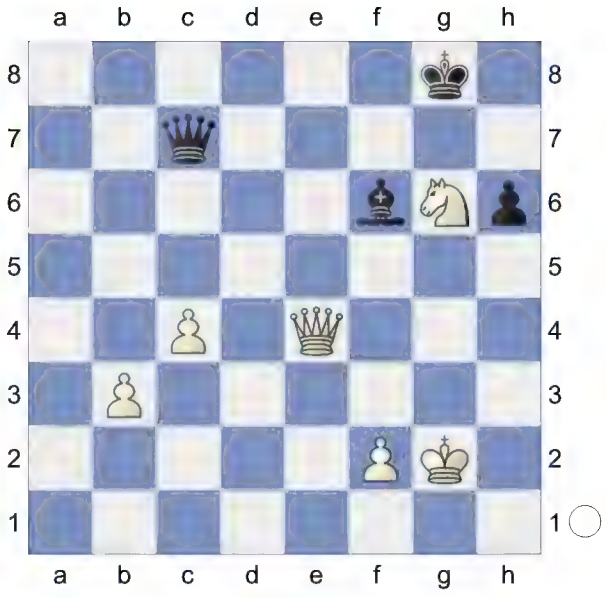
(Diagram)

51.Nf4 Dodges Qh5 **51...Qg7+ 52.Ng6+ Kh7**

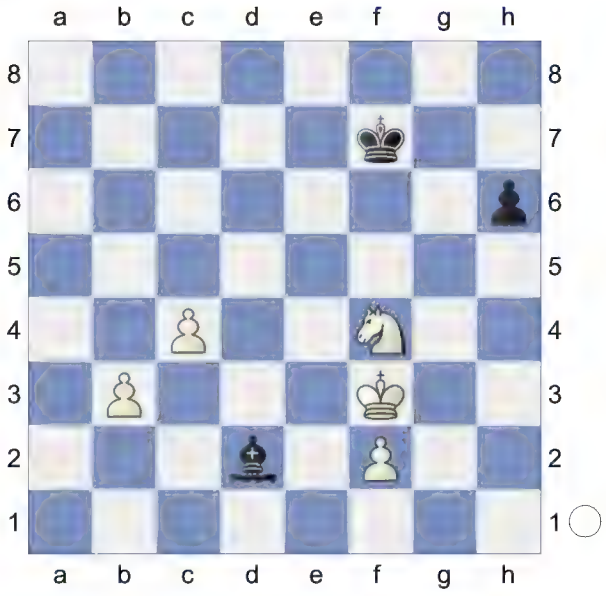


53.Rc7!! Qxc7 54.Nxf8+ Endgame Discovered Attack (Double Check). KQB-KQN. White is two pawns up. **54...Kh8 55.Ng6+ Kg8**

(Diagram)



56.Nf4 Qg7+ 57.Kf3 Nh5 is the strong threat. **57...Bg5 58.Qg6 Qxg6 59.Nxg6** KB-KN. White is two pawns up. **59...Bd2 60.Nf4 Kf7**



61.Kg4 Kf6 62.Nd3 Kg6 63.b4 h5+ 64.Kf3 Kf5 65.b5 Ba5

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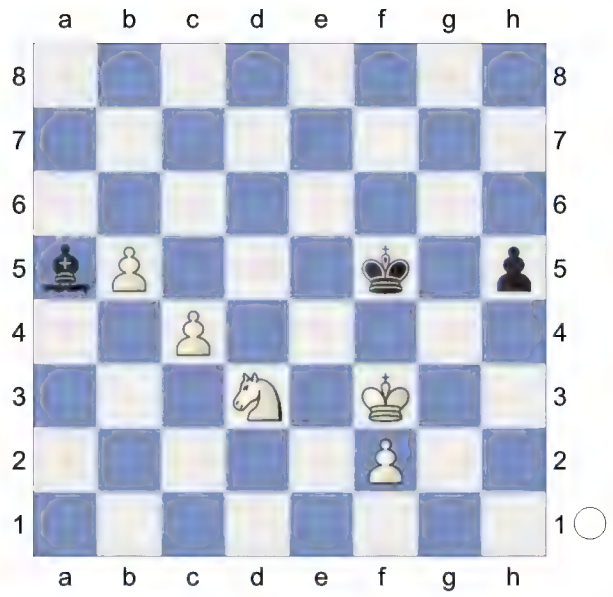
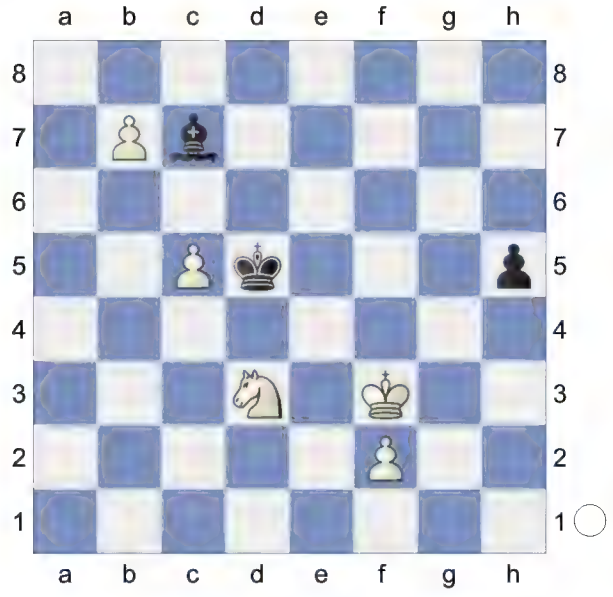


66.c5 Ke6 67.b6 Kd5 68.b7 Bc7



69.Nb4+! Kxc5

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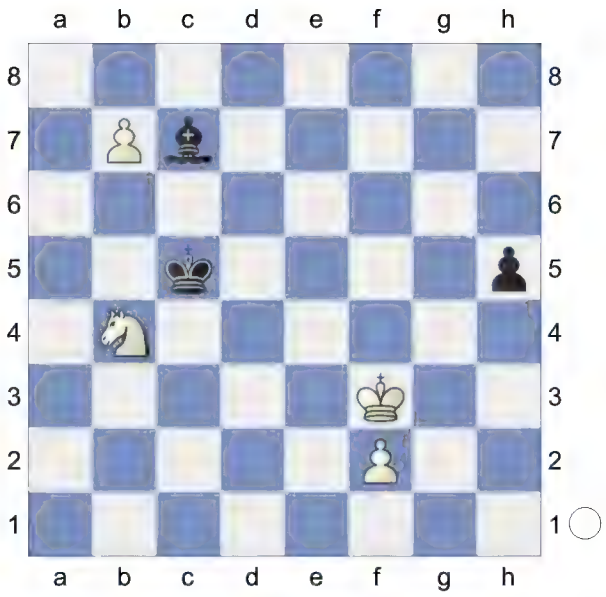
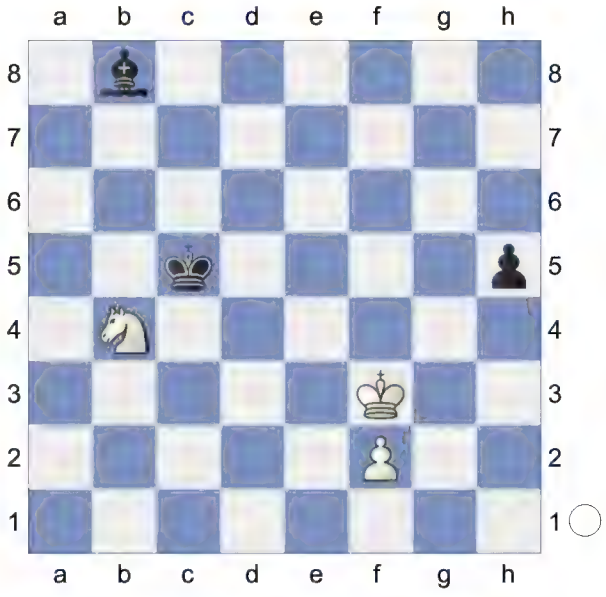


70.b8Q! Decoy **70...Bxb8**



71.Na6+ Kb6 72.Nxb8 White threatens Kf4 and mate. KN-KP **72...Kc7**

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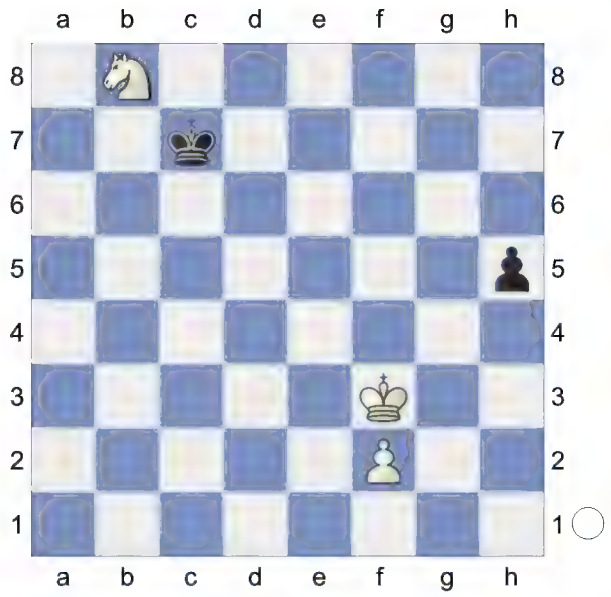
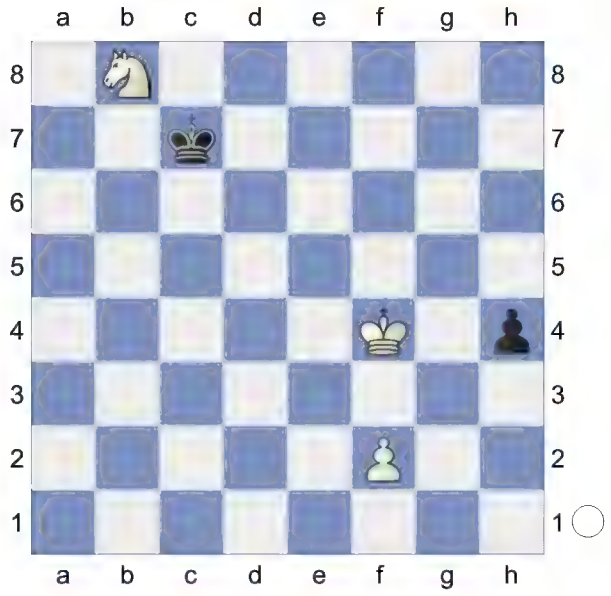


73.Kf4! h4

[73...Kd6 74.Kg5]



74.Kg4! White mates. **74...h3**

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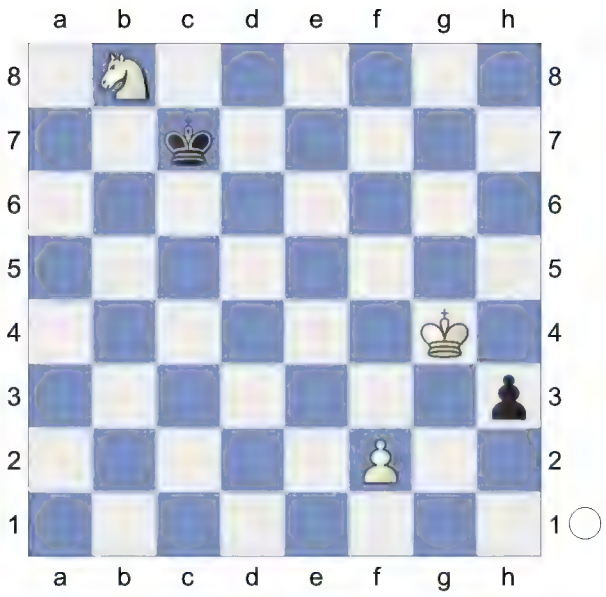
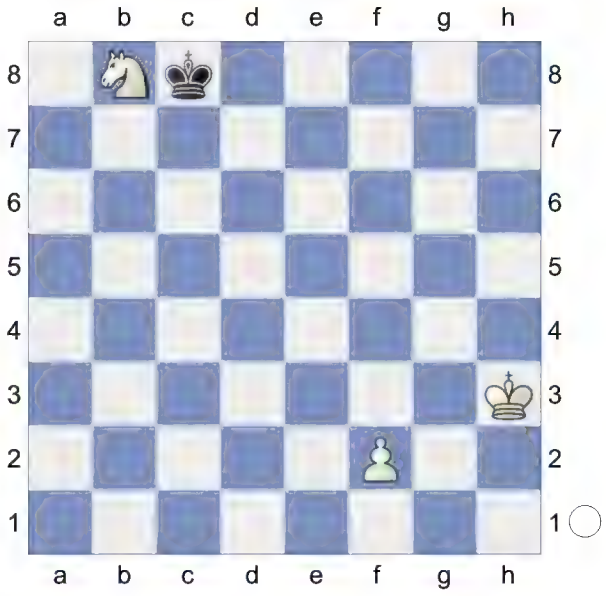


75.Kxh3! Kc8

[75...Kxb8 76.Kh4]



76.Na6 Kd7 77.Kh4 Ke7 78.Kg5 Ke8 79.f4 Ke7 80.f5 Kf7

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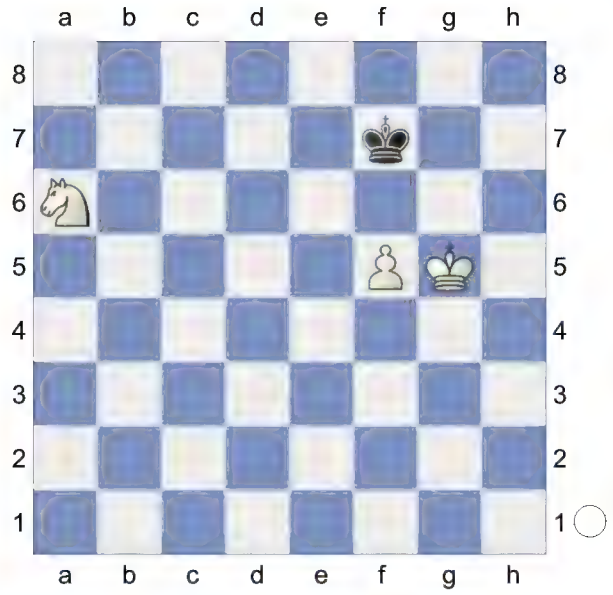
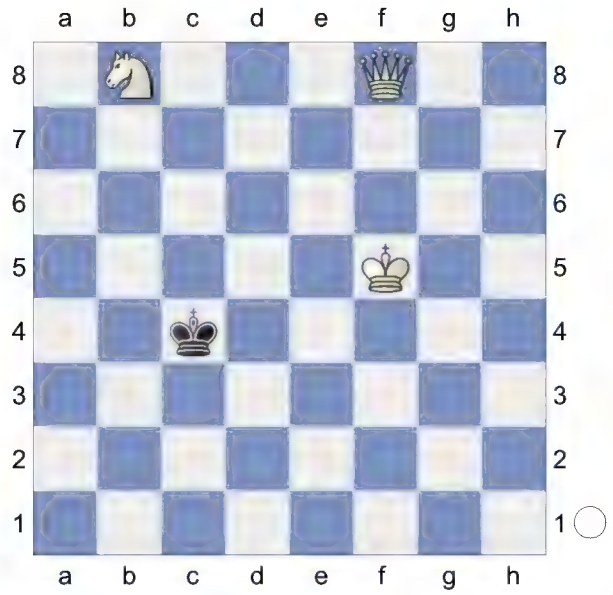


81.f6 Ke6 82.Nb8 Kd6 83.Kf5 Kc5 84.f7 Kd5 85.f8Q Kc4



86.Ke4 Kb3 87.Kd3 Ka2 88.Kc2 Ka1
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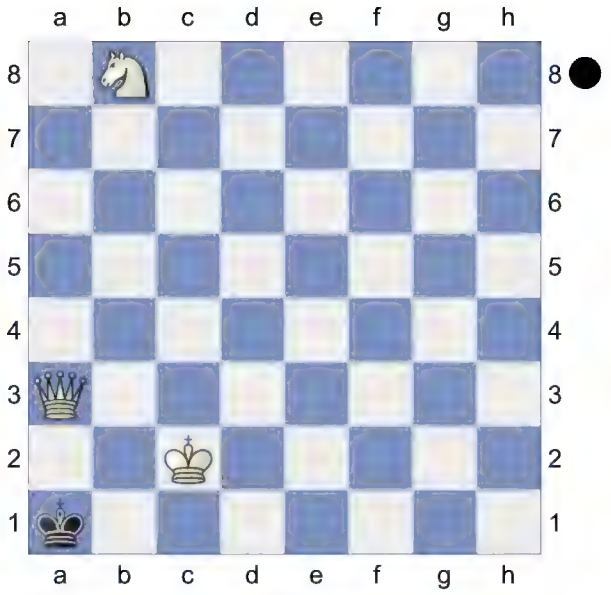
89.Qa3#

(Diagram)



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7 **A20**
□ **Tomlesspit** **3070**
■ **Kyreds Pet** **3076**
Blitz 11.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min
A25: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 but without early d3
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.d3 Nc6N
[4...c6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 a5 8.h3 h6 9.b3 d5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bb2 d4 12.Na4 Bd6 13.e3 dxe3 14.fxe3 Nc6 15.Nd2 Ra6 16.Qe2 Be7 17.Ne4 Nd5 18.g4 b6 19.Rac1 ½-½ (122) Liu,Y (2532)-Xu,Z (2504) CHN-ch Xinghua 2022 (5)]
[4...0-0 5.Nc3 h6 6.Nf3 Re8 7.0-0 d6 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 c6 10.b3 a5 11.Bb2 Na6 12.Qd2 Qe7 13.Rad1 Bd7 14.h3 Bb6 15.e4 Nc5 16.Rfe1 Rad8 17.Kh2 Bc8 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 0-1 (55) Winter (2791)-Molina, R (2863) 6.♘c3 1994 (2.16)]

[4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 a5 10.Na4 Nxa4 11.Qxa4 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Bd2 c6 14.e3 Bb6 15.Bc3 Re8 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.Rac1 h6 18.h3 Rb8 19.Rd2 0-1 (42) Ding,L (2730)-Wang,Y (2711) Shenzhen Celebrity 4th rapid 2014 (4) Bc7 20.d4 c5 21.Qc2 exd4 22.exd4 c4 23.a4 Bd6 24.Rdd1 b6 25.Re1 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qc7 27.h4 Re8 28.Bd5 Rxe1+ 29.Bxe1 Be6 30.Bxe6 fxe6 31.Qe4 Kf7 32.Bc3 Bf8 33.d5 Qd6 34.dxe6+ 1-0 (42) Winter (2811)-Ernst,H (2759) ASEAN-ch U08 2nd 2001 (38.1)]

5.Nc3 0-0

6.e3 Bb4 7.e4 d6 8.Nge2 Bg4 9.f3 Bd7 10.Be3 a6

(Diagram)

11.0-0 Rb8 12.Qd2 b5 13.a3 Bc5 14.b4 Bxe3+ 15.Qxe3 Be6

16.cxb5! axb5 17.f4 Ng4 18.Qc1 Nd4 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Ne2 Qf6

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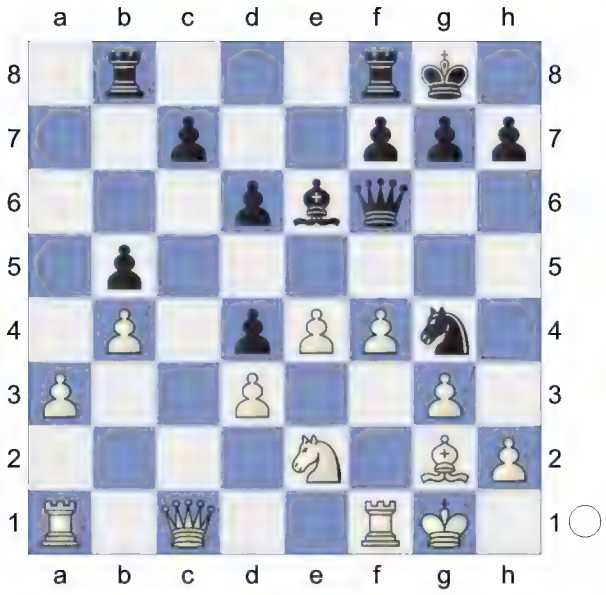
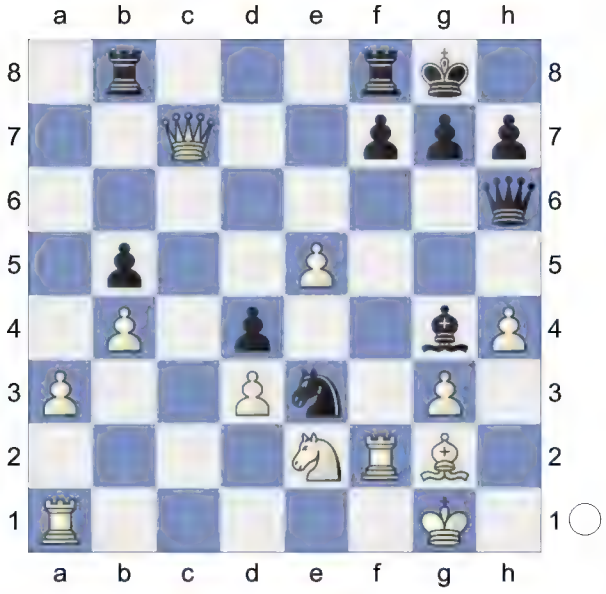


21.Qxc7 Ne3 22.Rf2 Bg4 The position is equal. **23.e5 dxe5 24.fxe5 Qg5 25.h4 Qh6**



26.Nxd4 Nxg2 27.Kxg2 Qe3 28.Qc5 Bh3+

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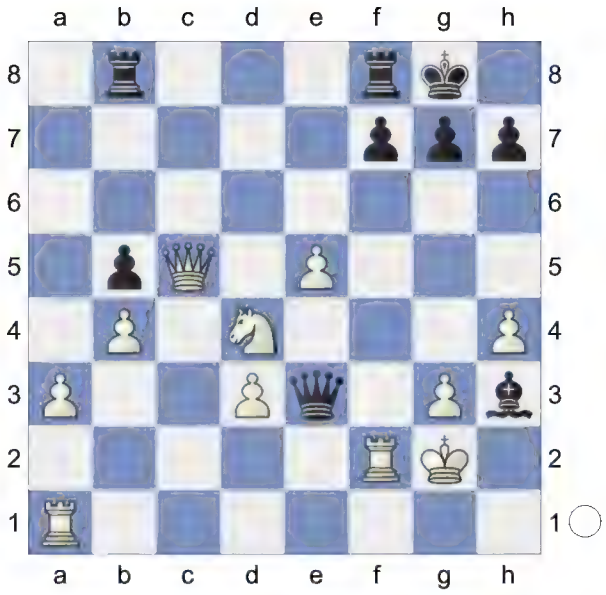
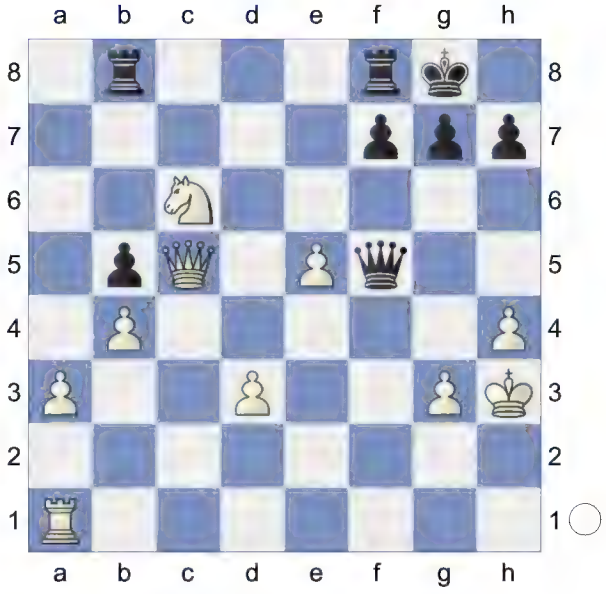


Deflection **29.Kxh3 Qxf2 30.Nc6!** Discovered Attack **30...Qf5+**



31.Kh2 Rbe8 32.Ne7+ Rxe7!

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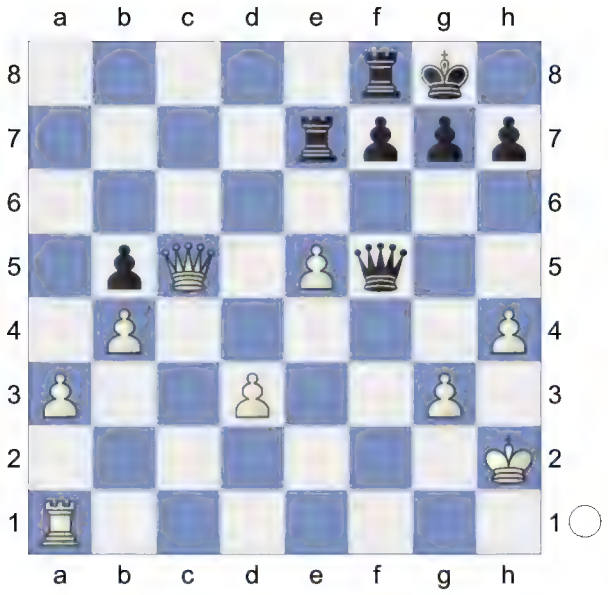
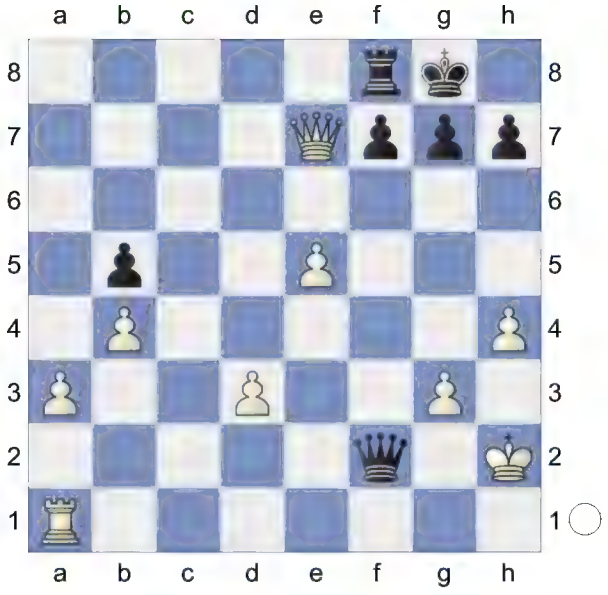


Deflection **33.Qxe7=** Endgame KQR-KQR. White is two pawns up. **33...Qf2+ 34.Kh3 Qf5+ 35.Kh2 Qf2+**

[But not 35...Qxd3 36.Ra2]



36.Kh3 Qf5+ 37.Kg2 Qxd3 38.Rf1 Qxa3 39.e6 Qa2+ 40.Kh3 Active counter play! **40...Qxe6+**

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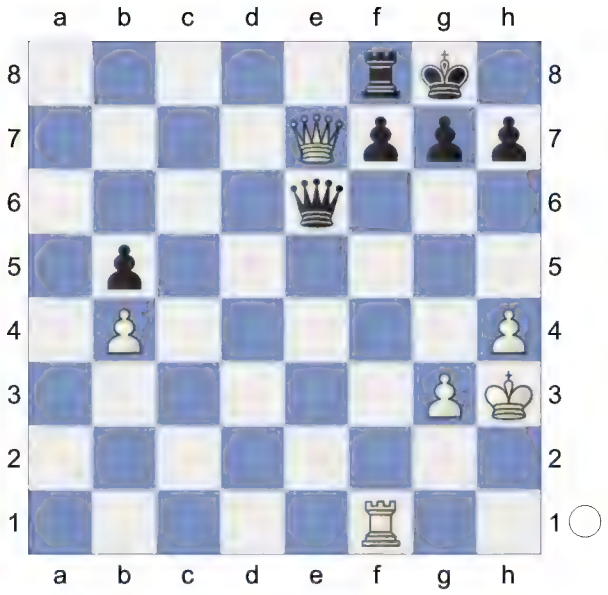
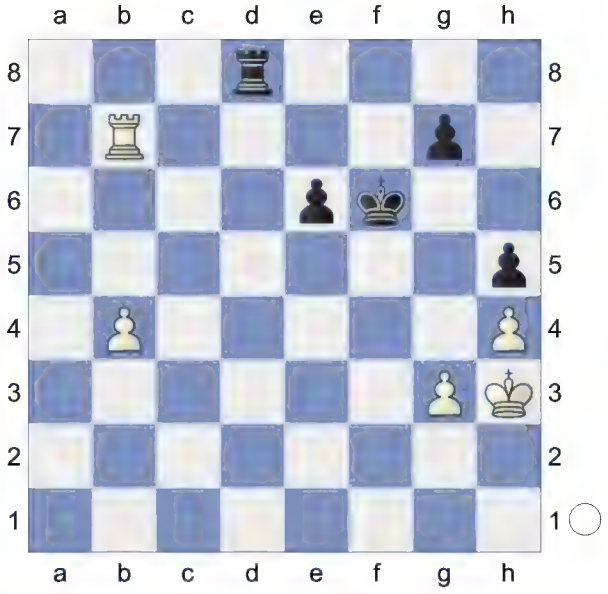


41.Qxe6 fxe6 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **42.Re1 Kf7 43.Re5 Kf6 44.Rxb5 Rd8 45.Rb7 h5**



46.Rb5 e5 47.Rb6+ Kf5 48.Rb7 g6 49.b5 Rd1 50.Rf7+ Ke6

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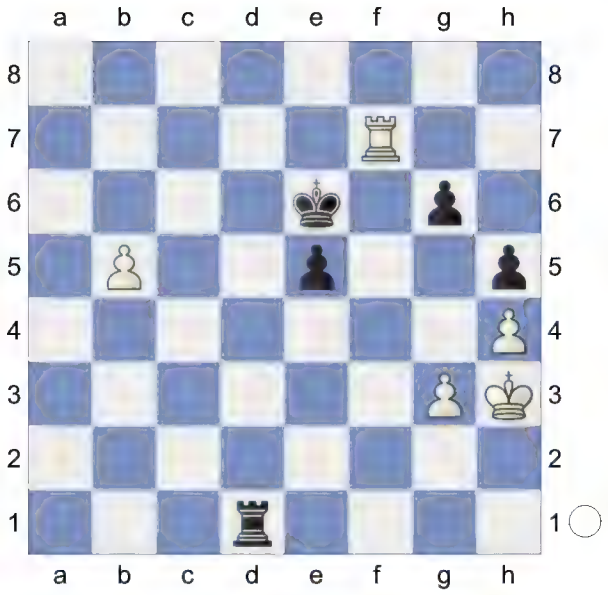
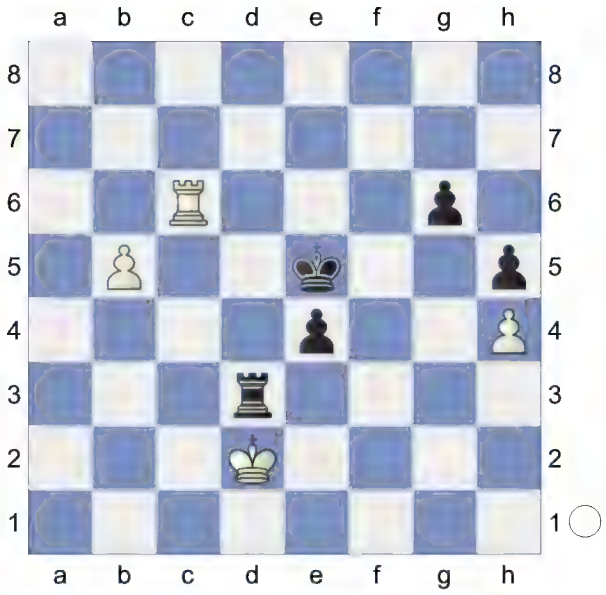
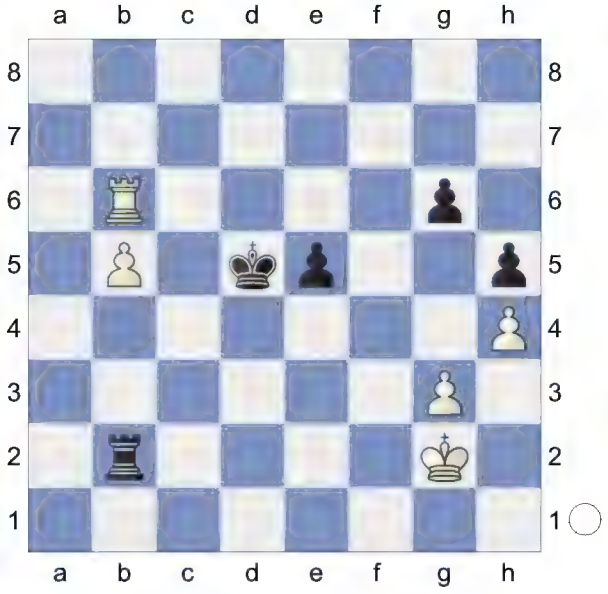


51.Rb7 Rh1+ 52.Kg2 Rb1 53.Kf3 Kd5 54.Rb6 Rb3+ 55.Kg2 Rb2+



61.Ke2 Kf5 62.Rc5+ Kf4 63.Rc6 Kf5 64.b6 Rb3 65.Kd2 Rb2+



56.Kf3 e4+ 57.Ke3 Rb3+ 58.Kd2 Rxg3 59.Rf6 Ke5 60.Rc6 Rd3+

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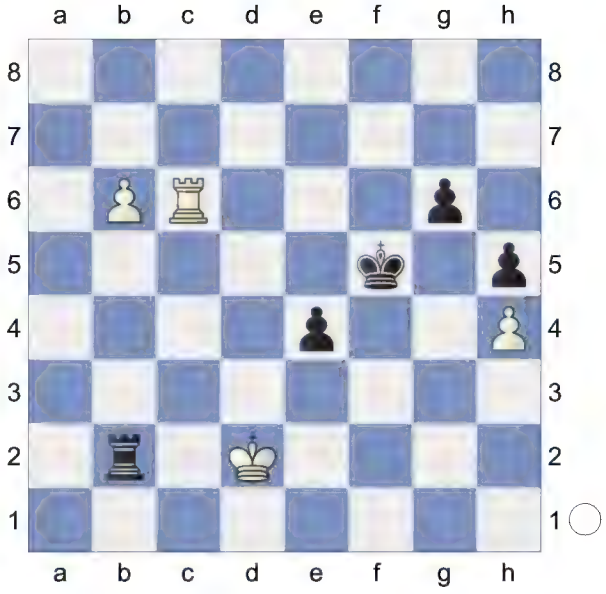

66.Ke3 Rb5 67.Kf2 Rb4 68.Ke3 Rb3+ 69.Ke2 Rb5 70.Ke3 g5

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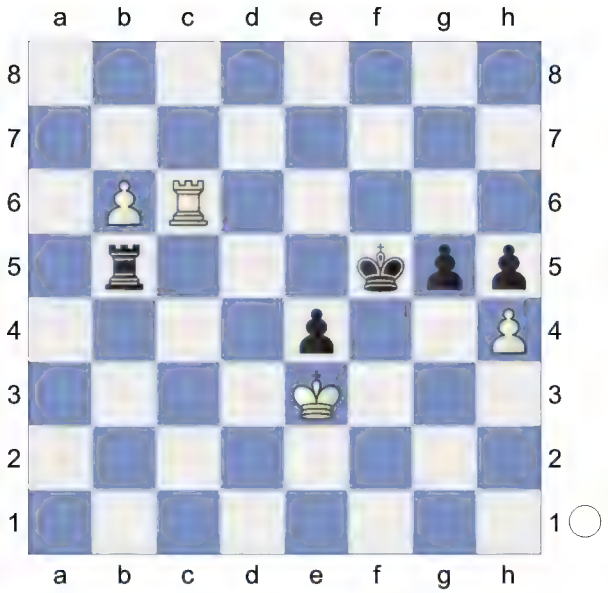
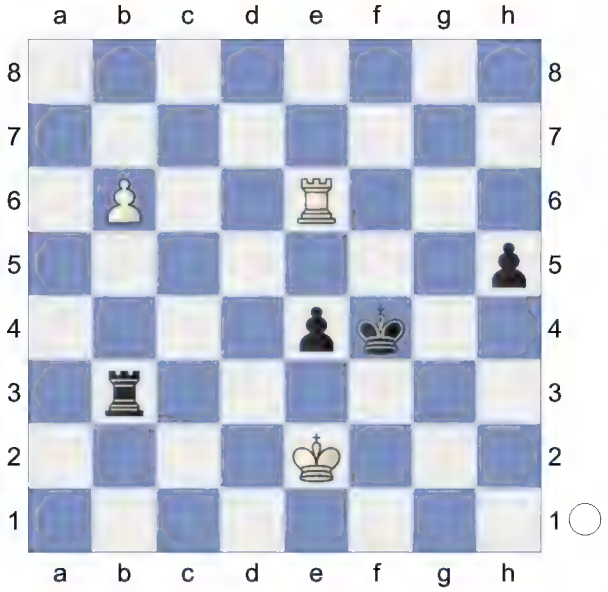


71.hxg5 Rb3+ 72.Ke2 Threatens to win with g6. **72...Kxg5 73.Re6 Kf5 74.Rh6 Kg5 75.Re6 Kf4**



76.Rf6+ Kg4 ...h4 would now be deadly. **77.Re6 Kf5 78.Rh6 h4** Deflection **79.Rxh4 Rxb6 80.Rh5+ Kf4**

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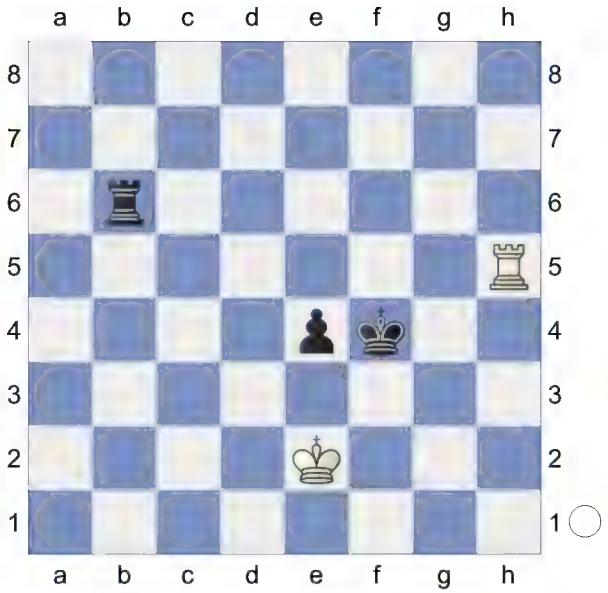
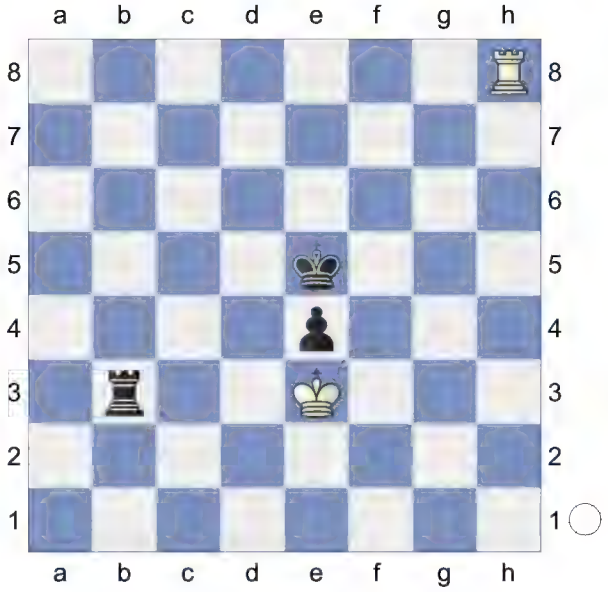


81.Rh4+ Ke5 82.Rh8 Rb2+ 83.Ke3 Rb3+ 84.Ke2 Rb2+ 85.Ke3 Rb3+



86.Kf2 Rf3+ 87.Ke2 Kd4 88.Rd8+ Ke5 89.Re8+ Kd5 90.Rb8 Ra3

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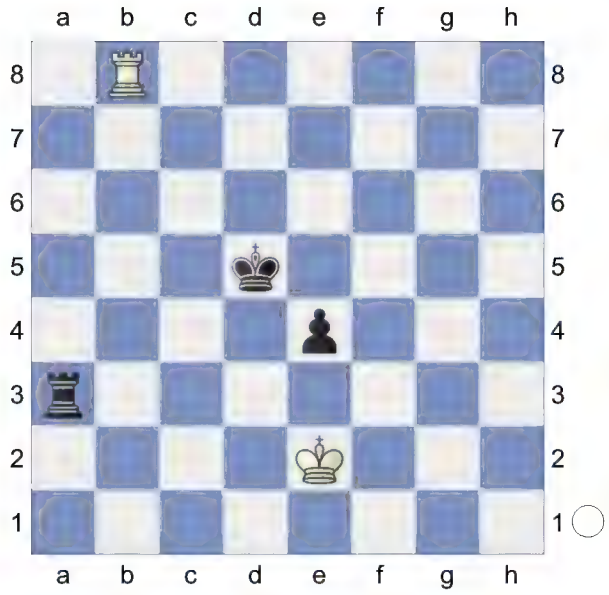
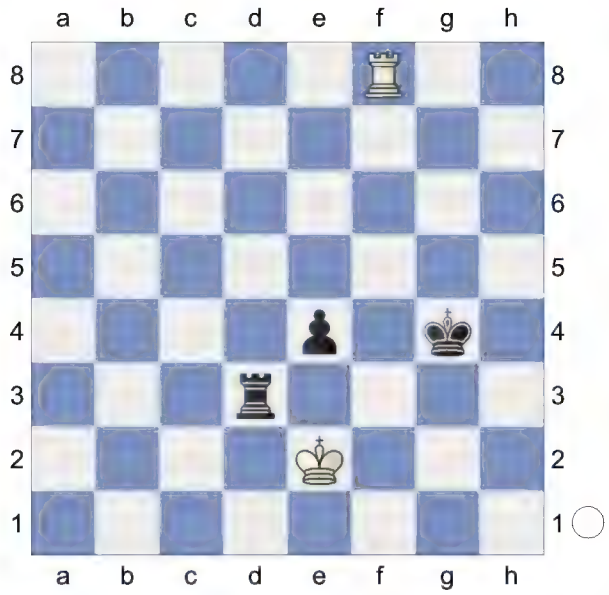


91.Rd8+ Ke6 92.Rf8 Rd3 93.Rh8 Kf6 94.Re8 Kf5 95.Rf8+ Kg4



96.Rh8 Kf4 97.Rf8+ Ke5 98.Re8+ Kf4 99.Rf8+ Ke5 100.Re8+ Kf5

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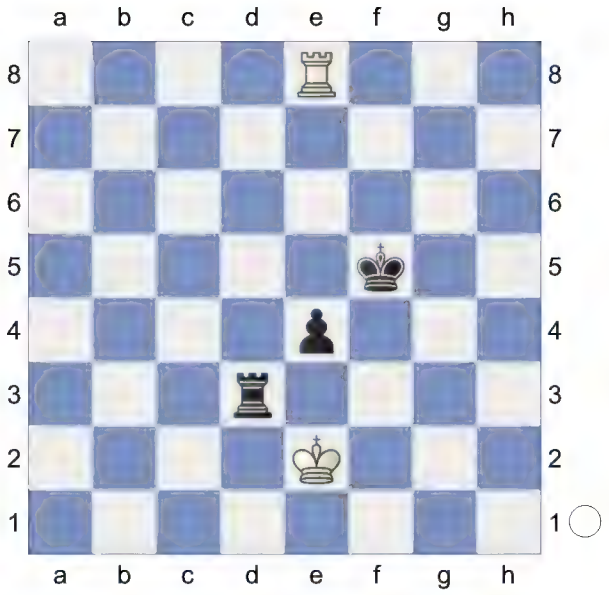

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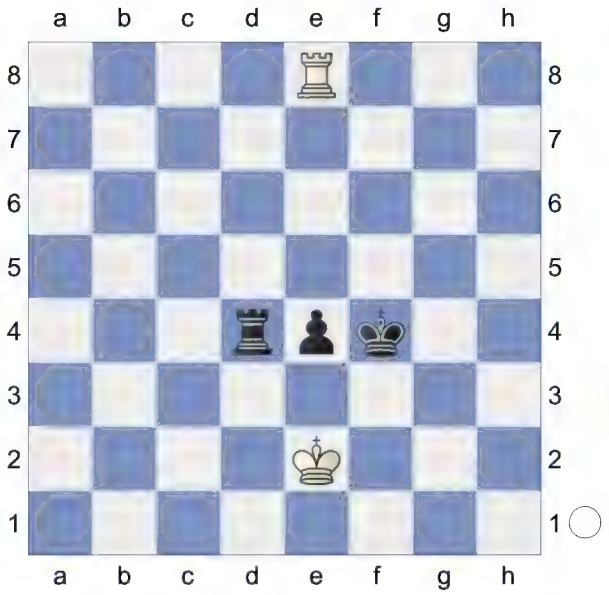

106.Rf8+ A balanced but interesting game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

106...Ke5

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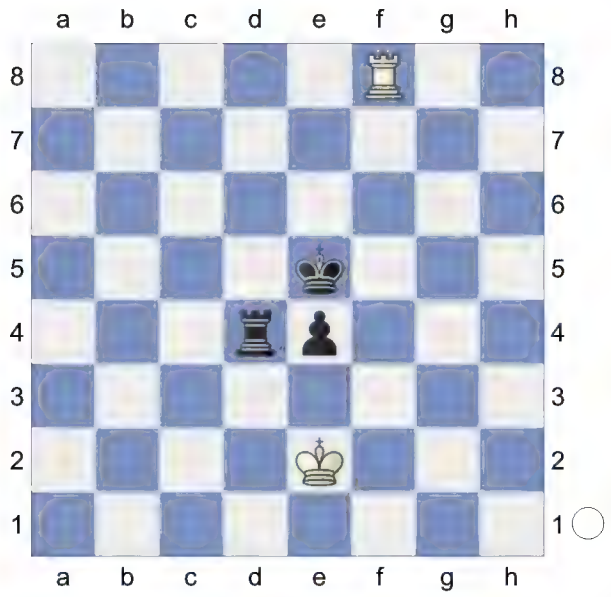

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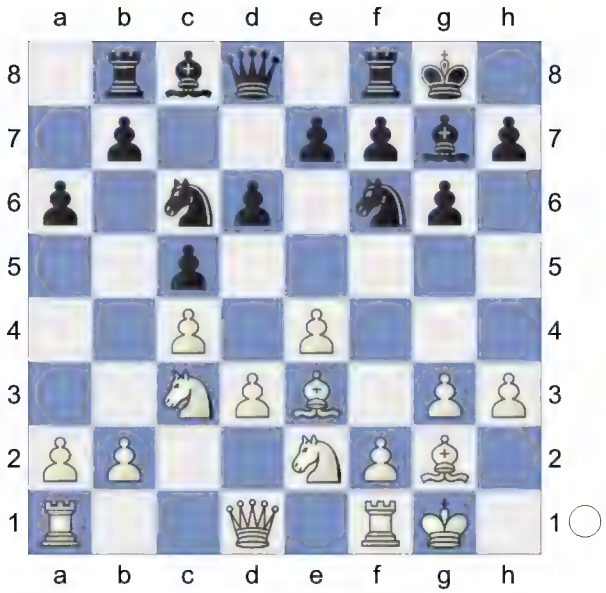
8 **A15**
□ **Torombot** **3061**
■ **Odonata** **2821**
Blitz 23.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A16: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...d5
1.c4 Nf6 2.d3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 c6

6.e4 d6 7.h3N
[7.Nge2 a6 *(7...Na6 8.0-0 Rb8 9.a4 Nb4 10.Be3 a5 11.h3 e6 12.d4 e5 13.Qd2 exd4 14.Nxd4 Re8 15.Rad1 Qe7 16.Rfe1 Nd7 17.Nc2 Ne5 18.Na3 Be6 19.b3 Bf8 20.f4 Nd7 21.Qf2 Nc5 22.Bxc5* ½-½ (61) Martin (2220)-Maliszewski,J (1754) EU-chT (Men) 16th 2007 (11)*)* 8.h3 *(8.a4 a5 9.h3 Na6 10.Be3 Nb4 11.f4 Nd7 12.d4 e6 13.0-0 f5 14.e5 d5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Na2 Nxa2 17.Rxa2 Nb8 18.Nc1 Na6 19.Nd3 Be6 20.Qd2 Rf7 21.b4* ½-½ Reinderman,D (2526)-L'Ami,E (2600) (ch) 102/(9) 2008*; 8.0-0 b5 9.Rb1 e5 10.h3 b4 11.Na4 c5 12.f4 Nc6 13.Be3 Nd7 14.f5 h6 15.Qd2 g5 16.h4 f6 17.Bf3 Nb6 18.Nxb6 Qxb6 19.Bh5 Bd7 20.g4 Be8 21.Ng3 Qd8 22.Kg2 Bxh5* 1-0 (62) Tazbir,M (2523)-Rutkowski,M (2402) POL-chT 66th 2010 (6)*)* 8...b5 9.Be3 Nfd7 10.Qd2 bxc4 11.dxc4 Ne5 12.b3 c5 13.f4 Nec6 14.Rd1 Ra7 15.0-0 Rd7 16.Qc1 Bb7 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxc5 ½-½ Lubienski,T (2068)-12.Rc3 e5 13.de5 (2321) USCCC-1 Final 7476 1974 (4)]
7...a6 8.Be3 c5 White has an edge.
9.Nge2 Nc6 10.0-0 Rb8

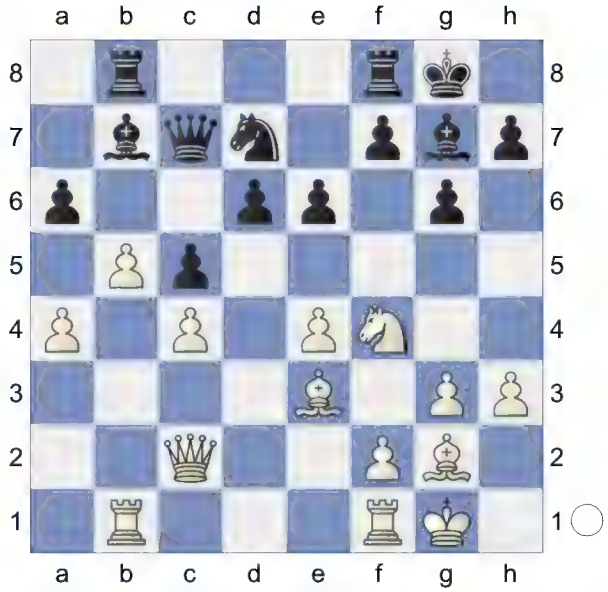
(Diagram)



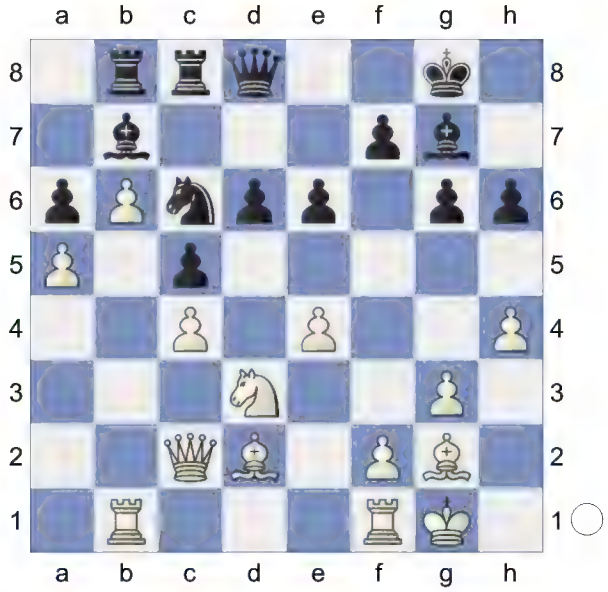
11.d4 Nd7 12.a4 Qb6 13.Nd5 Qa5 0.52/20
[13...Qxb2= 0.06/21 14.Bg5 *(14.Rb1 Qa2=)* 14...Nxd4 15.Nxd4 *(15.Nxe7+ Kh8=)* 15...Bxd4]
14.Rb1± Qd8 0.72/22
[14...Re8± 0.33/19 should be considered.]
15.b4± cxd4

16.Nxd4 e6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Nf4 Qc7 19.Qc2 White is more active.
19...c5 1.04/21
[19...Bb7± 0.63/17]

20.b5 Bb7

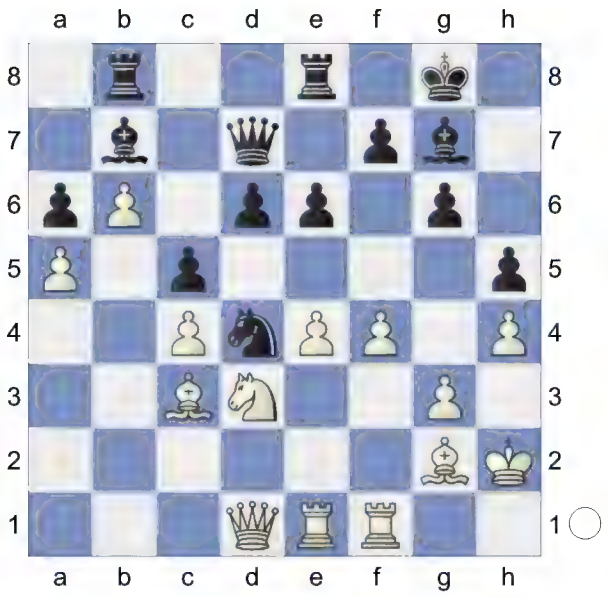


21.Bd2 Rfc8 22.a5 Qd8 23.h4 h6 24.b6 Ne5 25.Nd3 Nc6

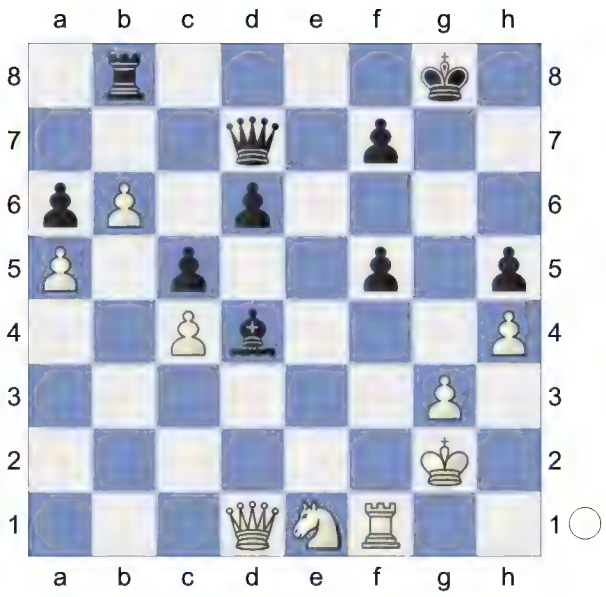


26.Rbe1 Nd4 27.Qd1 Qe7 28.Kh2 h5 1.88/18
[28...e5± 1.34/17]
29.f4+- Qd7 30.Bc3 Re8 2.31/20
[⌓30...Qc6 1.66/18 31.Bb2 Qd7]

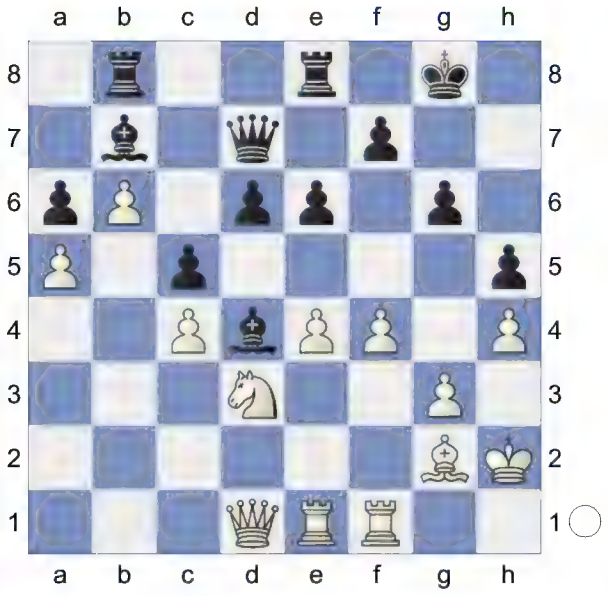
(Diagram)



31.Bxd4 Bxd4 2.42/18
[31...cxd4 1.96/18 might work better. 32.Rf2 Rec8]

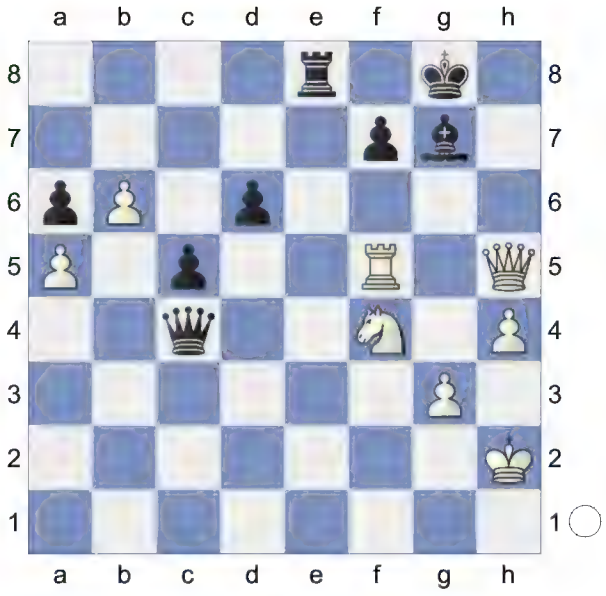


36.Qxh5 Qe6 37.Rxf5
[37.Qxf5 Qxf5 38.Rxf5 Bc3±]
37...Bg7 38.Nd3 Qe4+ 39.Kh2 Qxc4 40.Nf4 Re8



32.f5! exf5 33.exf5 Bxg2 34.Kxg2 Black must now prevent fxg6. **34...Rxe1 35.Nxe1 gxf5**

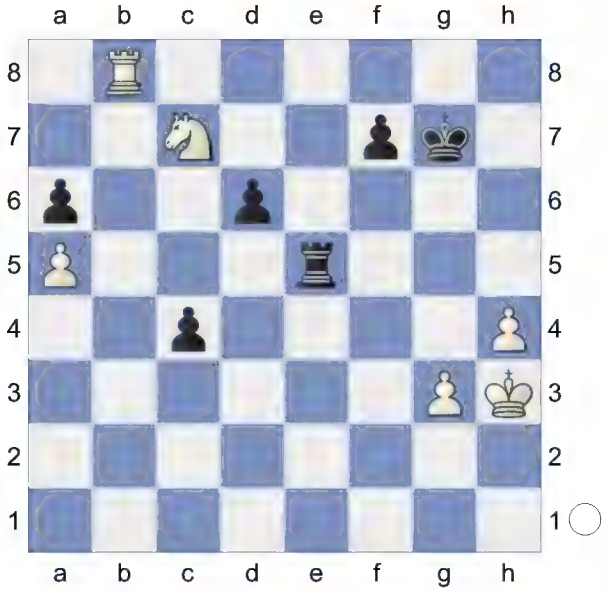
(Diagram)



41.Nd5 Qe2+ 42.Kh3 Qxh5 43.Rxh5 Endgame KRB-KRN **43...Bd4 44.Rf5 Kg7 45.Rf1 Kf8**

(Diagram)

46.Rb1 c4 47.Nc7 Re5 48.b7 Ba7 49.b8Q+ Bxb8 50.Rxb8+ KRN-KR **50...Kg7**

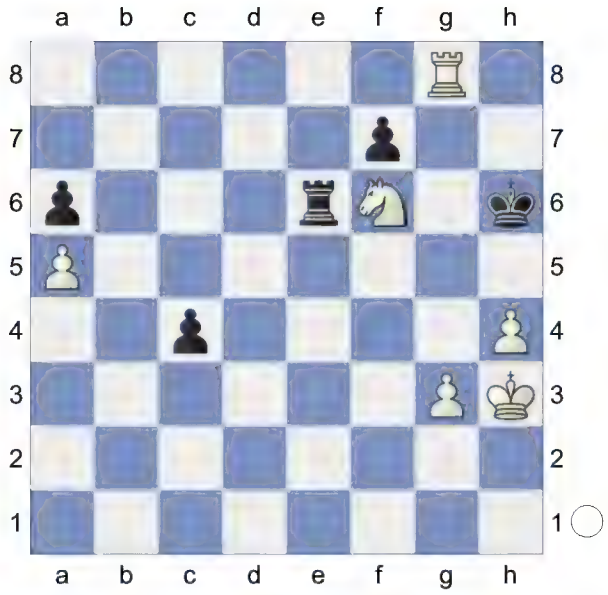


51.Ne8+

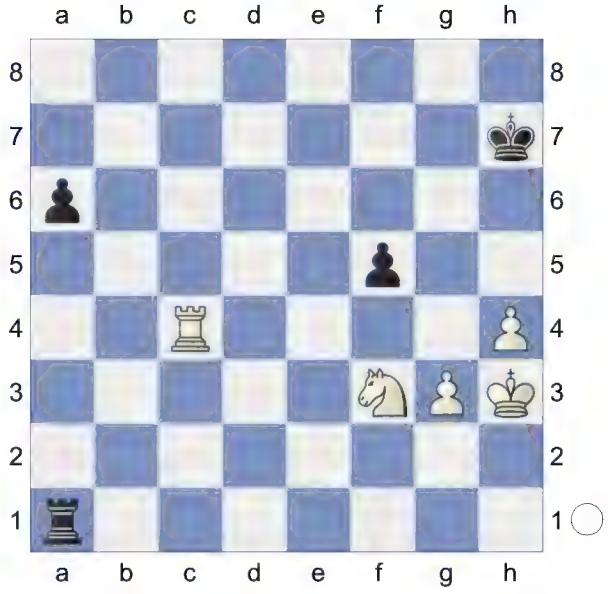
[Weaker is 51.Nxa6 Rxa5 52.Nb4 Rc5+-]

51...Kg6 52.Nxd6 Rc5 53.Ne4 Re5 54.Rg8+ Kh6 55.Nf6 g4 would kill now. **55...Re6**

(Diagram)

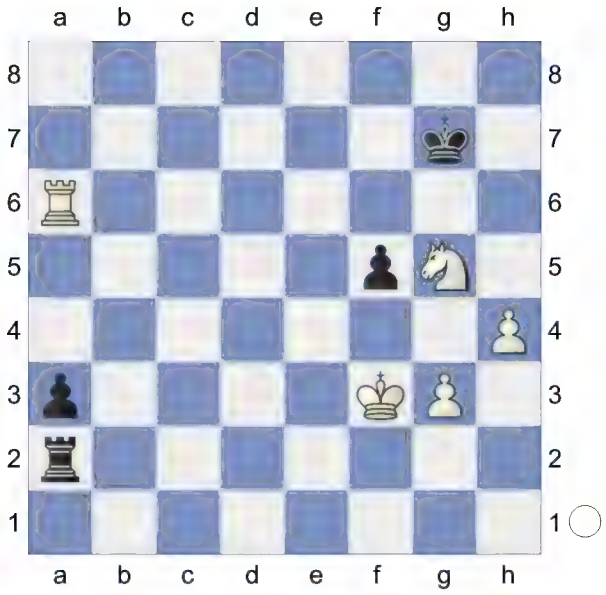


56.Ng4+ Kh7 57.Rc8 f5 58.Nh2 Re5 59.Nf3 Rxa5 60.Rxc4 Ra1

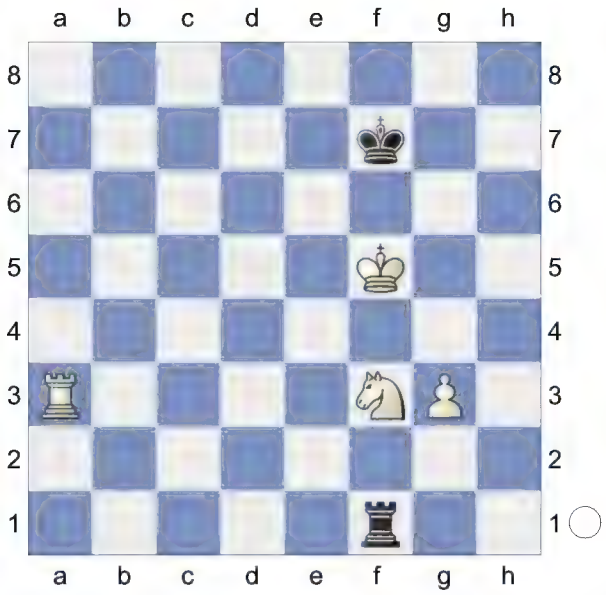


61.Ng5+ Kg7 62.Rc6 a5 63.Kg2 Ra2+ 64.Kf3 a4 65.Ra6 a3

(Diagram)

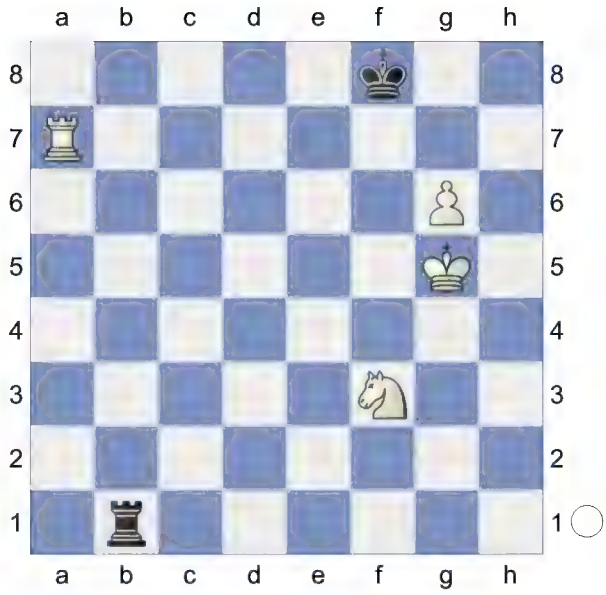


66.h5 Rh2 67.Kf4 Rxh5 68.Kxf5 Rh1 69.Rxa3 Rf1+ 70.Nf3 Kf7

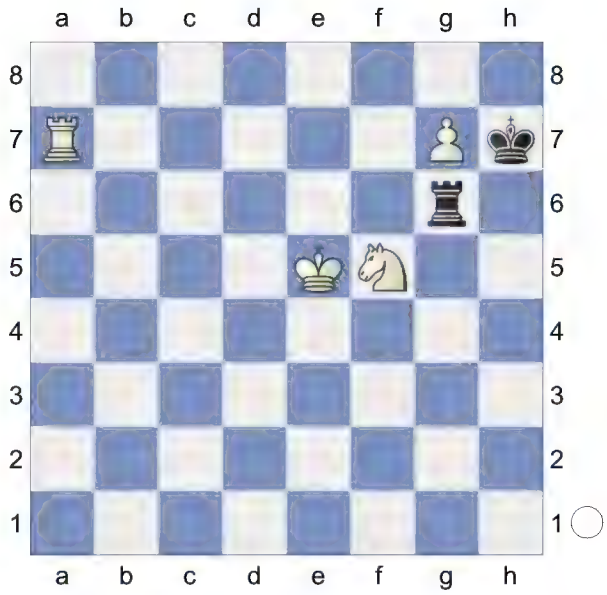


71.g4 Kg7 72.g5 Rf2 73.g6 Rf1 74.Kg5 White mates. **74...Rb1 75.Ra7+ Kf8**

(Diagram)

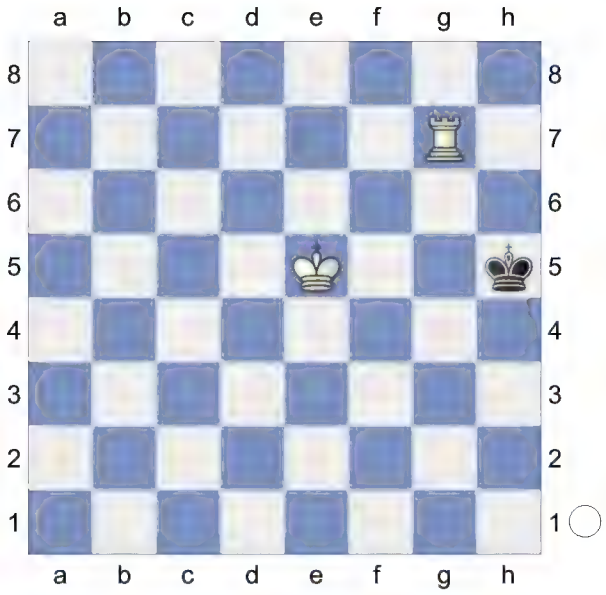


76.g7+ Kg8 77.Nh4 Rc1 78.Nf5 Rg1+ 79.Kf6 Rg6+ 80.Ke5 Kh7

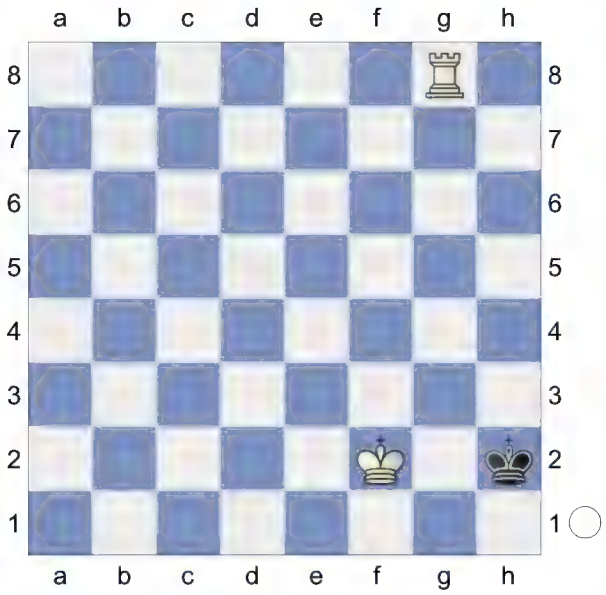


81.g8Q+! Kxg8 82.Ne7+ Kf7 83.Nxg6+ Kxg6 KR-K **84.Rc7 Kg5 85.Rg7+ Kh5**

(Diagram)



86.Rg8 Kh4 87.Kf5 Kh3 88.Kf4 Kh2 89.Kf3 Kh1 90.Kf2 Kh2



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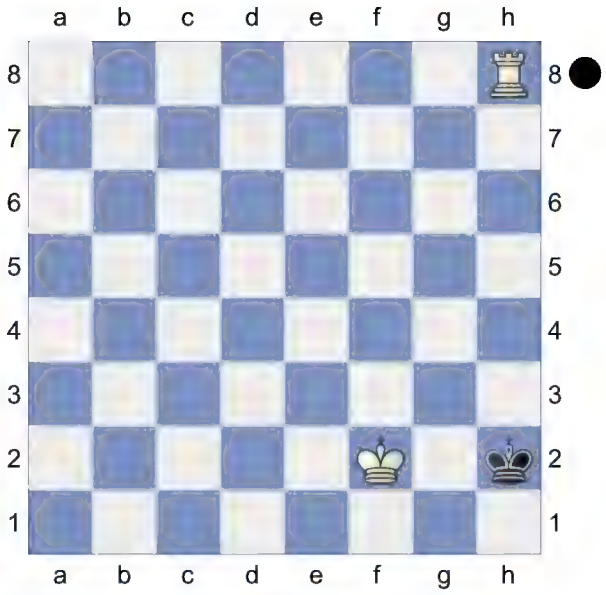
91.Rh8#

(Diagram)



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9 **A15**

□ **Torombot** **3039**

■ **Odonata** **2721**

Blitz 22.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

A24: English Opening vs King's Indian: Lines without ...Nc6

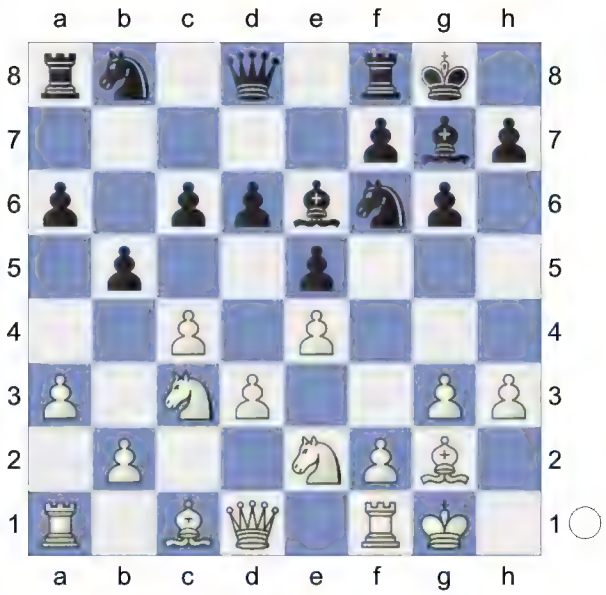
1.c4 Nf6 2.d3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 c6 5.e4 d6

(Diagram)

6.Bg2 0-0 7.Nge2 e5 8.0-0 a6 9.h3 b5 10.a3

[10.Be3 Nbd7 11.Qd2 Rb8 12.Rac1 Re8 13.b3 Bb7 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 d5 16.exd5 cxd5 17.cxb5 d4 18.Bxb7 Rxb7 19.bxa6 Rb6 20.Na4 Rxa6 21.Qd2 Qa8 22.Kh2 e4 23.Ng1 Ne5 24.dxe4 Nxe4 0-1 (45) Trkaljanov,V (2650)-Stronsky, V (2554) 29/329 Wijk aan Zee 1980 (8.3)]

10...Be6

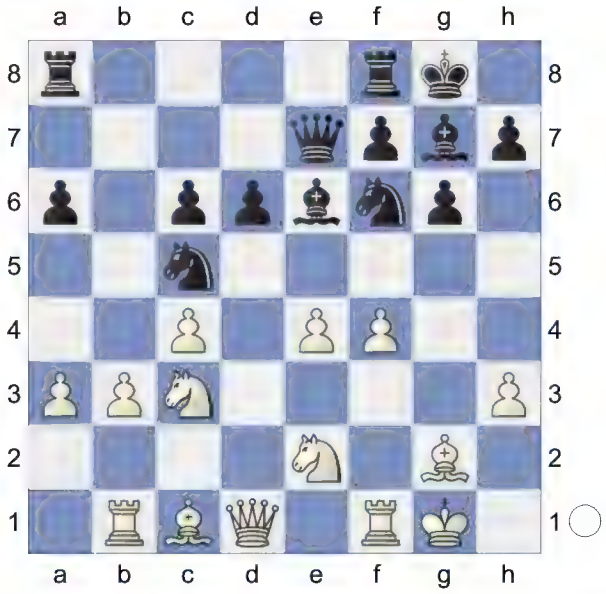


11.b3 Nbd7 12.Rb1N

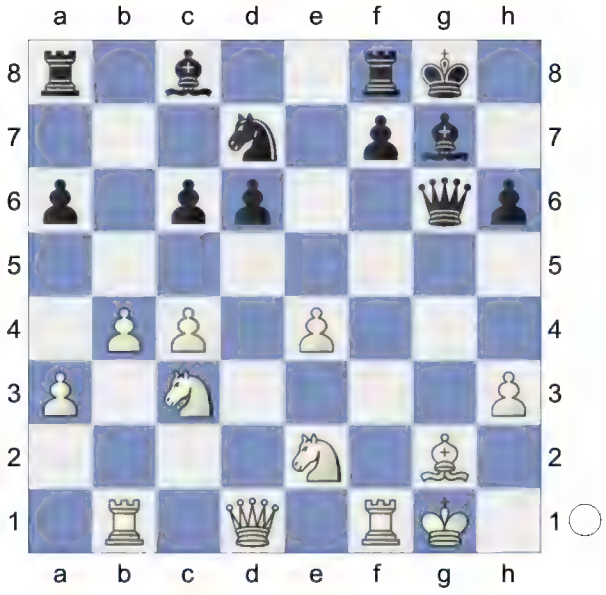
[12.Be3 Re8 13.Qd2 Rb8 14.Rab1 bxc4 15.dxc4 Qc7 16.Rb2

6) The Botvinnik Setup vs. ..- Botvinnik: 4...Nf6 with 6...e 1.c4: Simplified 2024]

12...bxc4 White has an edge. **13.dxc4 Qe7 14.f4 exf4 15.gxf4 Nc5!**



16.f5 Bc8 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.b4 Nd7 20.fxg6 Qxg6



21.Nf4 Qg5

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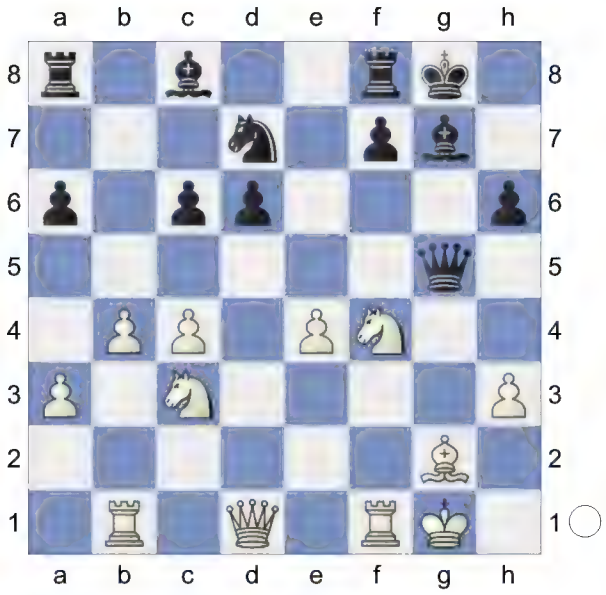
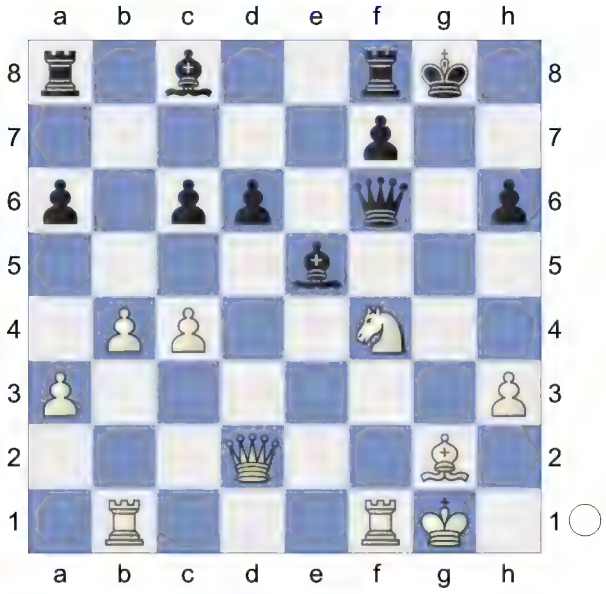


22.e5! Discovered Attack **22...Bxe5**
[22...Qxe5 23.Ne4]
23.Ne4 A dynamic duo of knights.
23...Qh4 24.Qd2 Nf6 Hoping for ... Nxe4. **25.Nxf6+** 0.21/20
[25.Nxd6± 0.66/19 Qg5 26.Rbd1]
25...Qxf6=



26.Nd3↑ Black is under pressure.
26...Qg6 27.Nxe5 dxe5 28.Kh2 f5
29.Qe3 Black is on the road to losing.
29...Qf6

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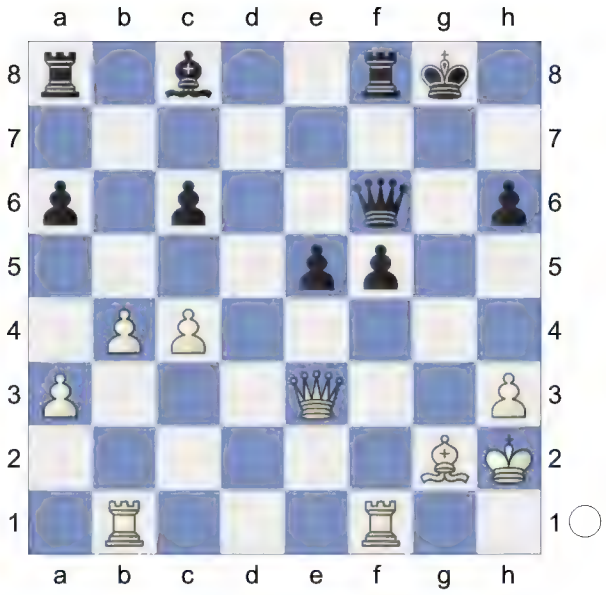
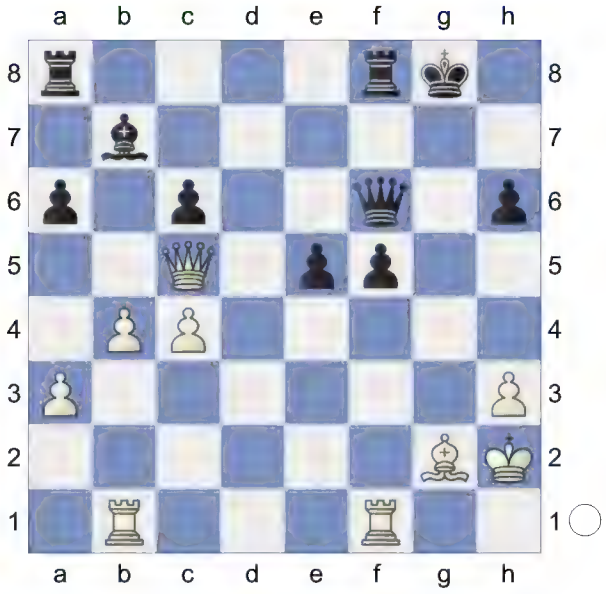
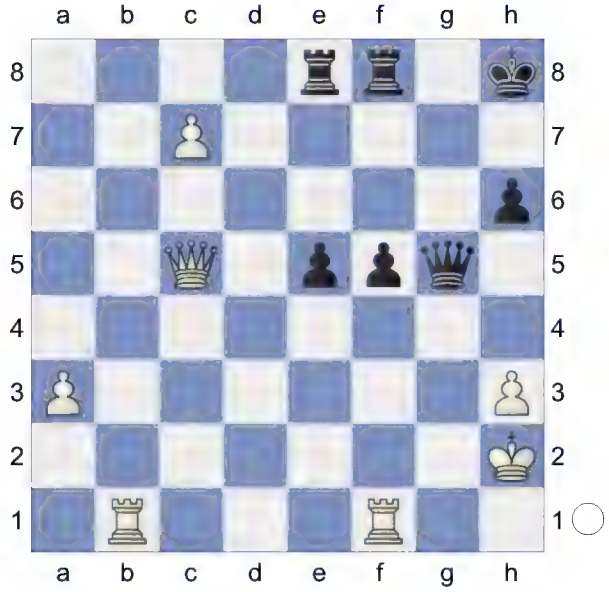


30.Qc5! Bb7 1.08/21
[30...e4 31.Bxe4 Be6 32.Rbe1± *(32.Qxc6? Qe5+ 33.Kh1 Qxe4+-+; 32.Bxc6 Rad8±)*]
[30...Be6!± 0.67/18 might be stronger.]



31.b5± axb5 32.cxb5 Rae8
[32...e4? 33.Bxe4+-]
33.Bxc6
[33.bxc6 Bc8±]
33...Bxc6 2.05/19
[33...Re7± 1.16/18]

34.bxc6+-
[34.Qxc6 Rb8±]
34...Kh8 4.05/19
[⌓34...Qe7 2.73/18 35.Qd5+ Kh8]
35.c7 and Rg1 would now be decisive
35...Qg5



36.Qf2 Active counter play!
[36.Rb8 Rg8 37.Rg1 *(37.c8B? Qg2#)* 37...Qf4+ 38.Kh1 Qe4+ *(38...Rxb8 39.cxb8R Qe4+ 40.Kh2∓)* 39.Kh2 Qf4+ *(39...Rxb8 40.cxb8B Rxb8 41.Qc1=)* 40.Kh1 Qe4+ 41.Kh2 Rxb8 42.cxb8B Rxb8∓]
36...e4? 6.36/23
[36...Rc8 2.95/19 37.Rg1 Qf4+ 38.Qxf4 exf4]
37.Rg1 e3 38.Qb2+ Qf6 39.Qxf6+ Rxf6 Endgame KRR-KRR **40.Rb8 Rff8**

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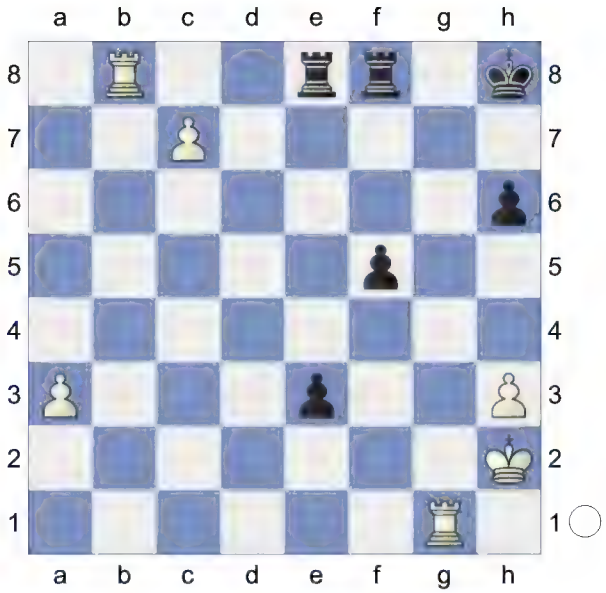
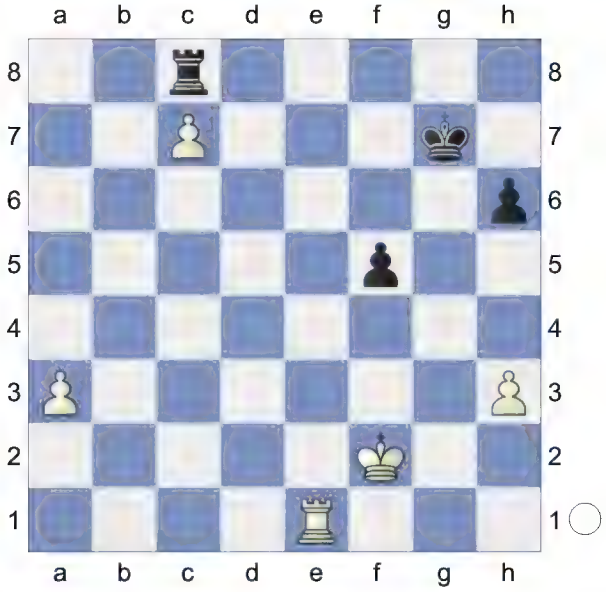
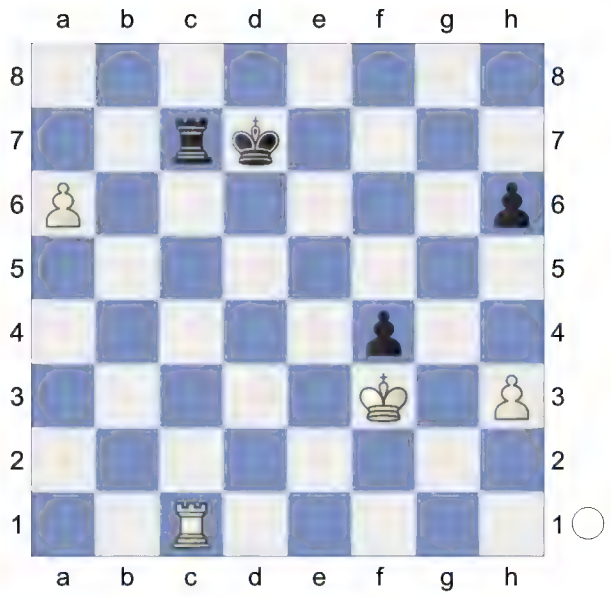


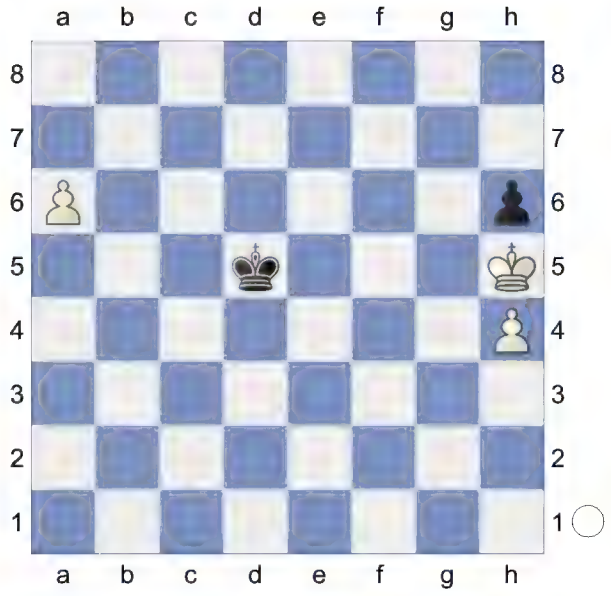
41.Rxe8 Rxe8 KR-KR **42.Rc1 e2 43.Kg3**
[43.c8B? is the wrong capture. e1Q *(43...e1B 44.Bxf5 Re2+ 45.Kh1±; 43...e1R? 44.Rxe1 Rxe1 45.Bxf5-+)* 44.Rxe1 Rxe1 45.Bxf5 Ra1-+]
43...Kg7 44.Kf2
[Worse is 44.c8B e1Q+ *(44...e1B+ 45.Kf3±; 44...Rxc8 45.Rg1∓)* 45.Rxe1 Rxe1 46.Bxf5 Re3+ 47.Kf2 Rxa3∓]
44...e1Q+ 45.Rxe1 Rc8



46.Rc1 Kf6 47.a4 Ke7 48.Kf3 Kd7 49.a5 f4 50.a6 Rxc7



51.Rxc7+ White mates. **51...Kxc7 52.Kxf4** KPP-KP. White is a pawn up. **52...Kc8 53.h4 Kc7 54.Kg4 Kc6 55.Kh5 Kd5**



56.a7 Kc6 57.a8Q+ Kb5 58.Kg6 h5 59.Qd5+ Kb4 60.Qc6 Ka3

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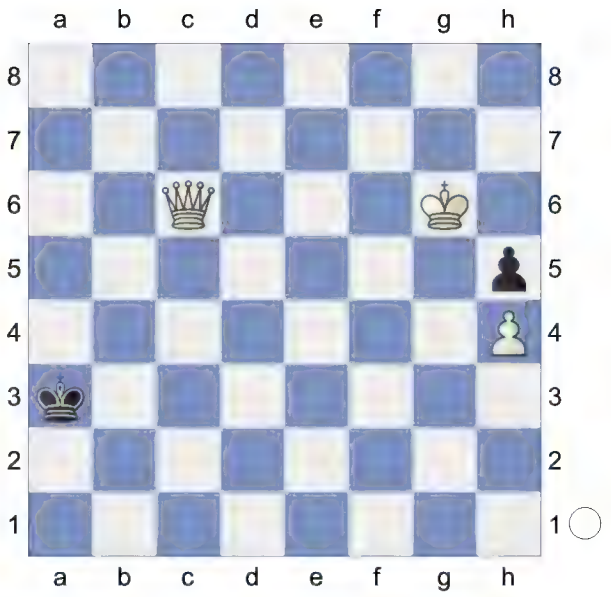
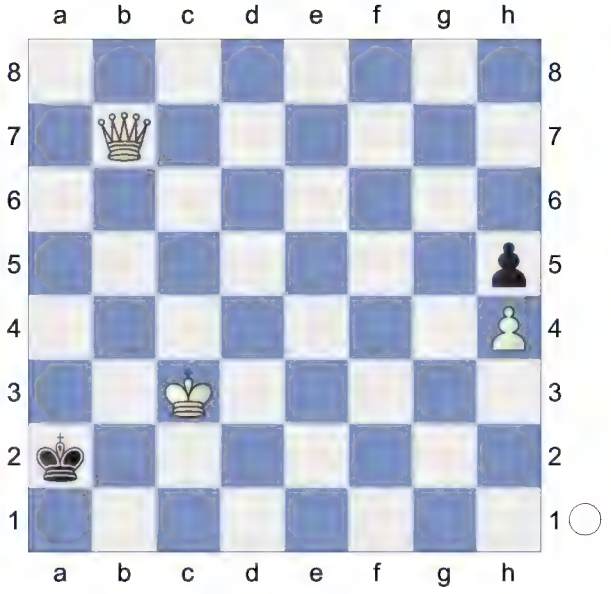


61.Qb7 Ka2 62.Kf5 Ka3 63.Ke4 Ka2 64.Kd3 Ka1 65.Kc3 Ka2



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66.Qb2#

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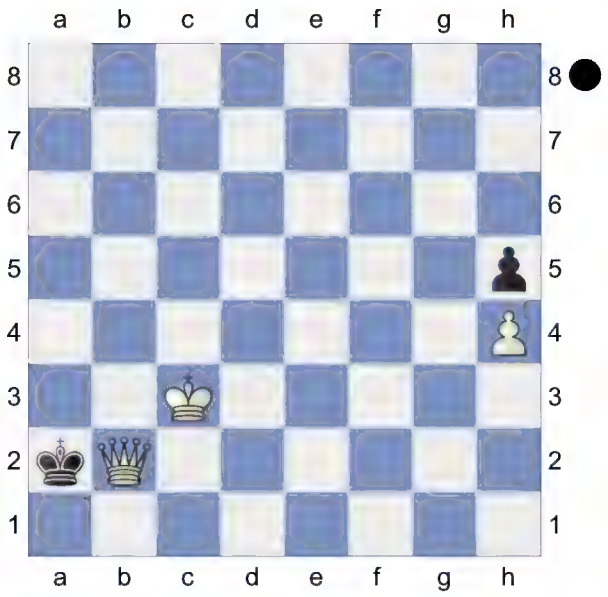

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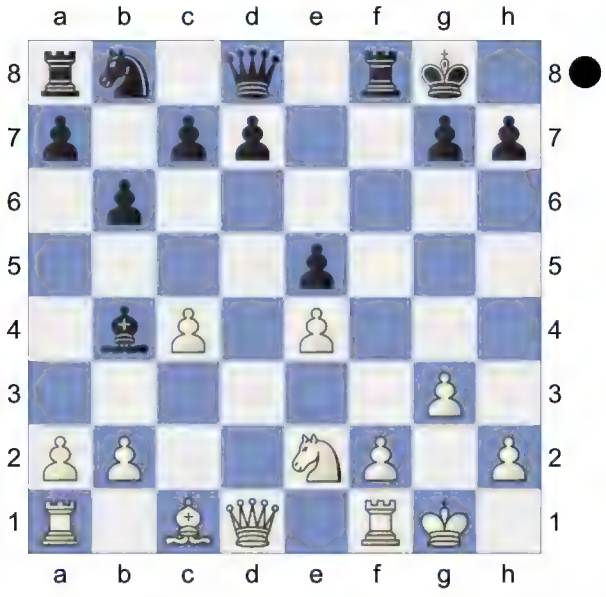
10 **A10**
□ **Konevlad** **3024**
■ **Vladimirovich9000** **2903**
Blitz 01.03.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A10: English Opening: Unusual Replies for Black
Inf 71/(7) **1.c4 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e5 4.g3N**
[4.d3 Nf6 *(4...Nc6 5.g3 Bc5 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 a5 9.Be3 d6 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Nc6 13.Bxc5 bxc5 14.e5 dxe5 15.Na4 Qd6 16.Qd5 Nd8 17.Qxc5 Bxg2 18.Qxd6 cxd6 19.Kxg2* (20) Kortschnoj,V (2610)-Short,N (2660) (m/2) 71/(7) 1997) 5.Nf3 d6 6.Be2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Ne1 Nbd7 9.Nc2 0-0 10.f4 c6 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.b4 Qc7 13.Be3 Rad8 14.Qd2 Ne8 15.b5 Ndf6 16.bxc6 Bxc6 17.Qc1 Rc8 18.Bg5 Bd7 1-0 (34) Zoltek,T (2285)-Sargalski,A (2028) POL-ch blind 35th 2006 (6)]
[4.Nge2 Nf6 5.d3 Bc5 6.h3 c6 7.Ng3 d5 8.Nf5 g6 9.Ng3 dxc4 10.dxc4 Qxd1+ 11.Nxd1 h5 12.Bd3 Na6 13.a3 Bd4 14.Bg5 Nh7 15.Be3 Nc5 16.Bxd4 Nxd3+ 17.Kd2 0-0-0 18.Kxd3 Rxd4+ 0-1 (39) Mikliaev,I (2325)-21.Qc4 (2509) 74/(590) Romania 1998 (7)]
4...f5 5.Bg2 Nf6

6.d3 Bb4 7.Nge2 fxe4 8.0-0
White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Nxe4**
0.12/19
[9.a3± 0.51/21 should be considered. Bxc3 10.Nxc3]
9...Nxe4= 10.Bxe4 Bxe4

(Diagram)

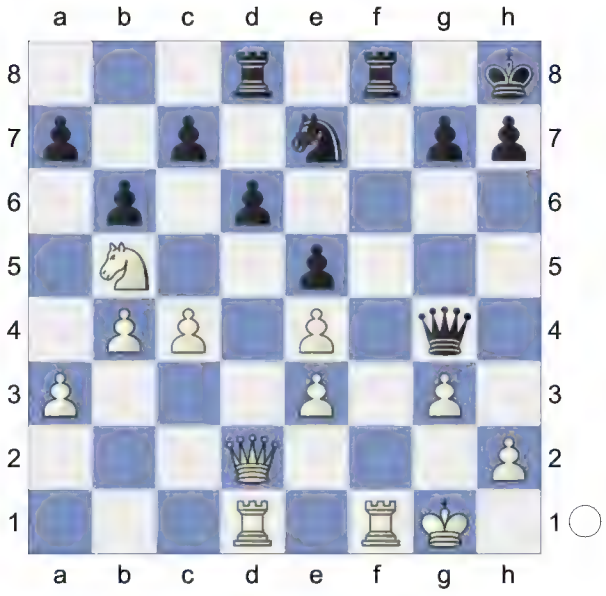
11.dxe4



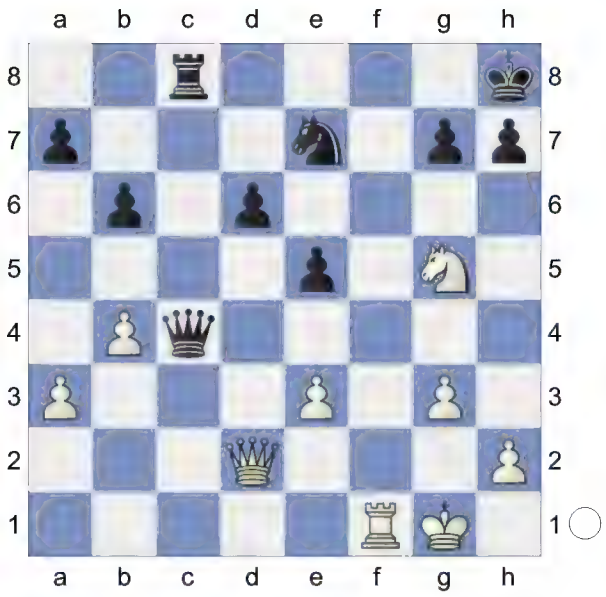
Threatens to win with Qd5+. **11...Nc6**
12.Qd5+ Kh8 13.Be3 Prevents Bc5.
13...Qe7 14.Rad1 Rad8 15.a3 Bc5

(Diagram)

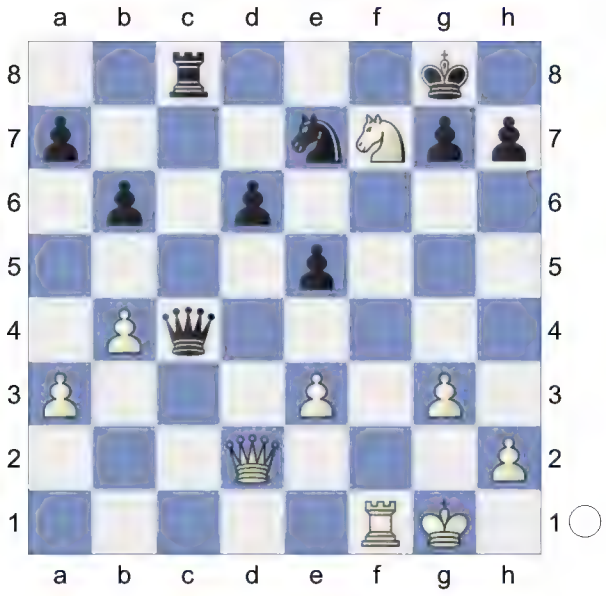
16.b4 Bxe3 17.fxe3 Qg5 18.Qd2 d6 0.03/20
[Black should try 18...Ne7∓ -0.53/19]
19.Nc3 Ne7 20.Nb5 Qg4



21.Nxc7 Qxe4 1.14/20
[21...Ng6± 0.58/21]
22.Ne6± Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 Rc8 1.94/22
[23...Ra8± 1.18/21 keeps fighting.]
24.Ng5→ White goes for the king.
[24.Qxd6?! Qxe3+ 25.Kg2 Ng6±]
24...Qxc4 5.28/18
[24...Qg6 1.75/19 25.Nf7+ Kg8]

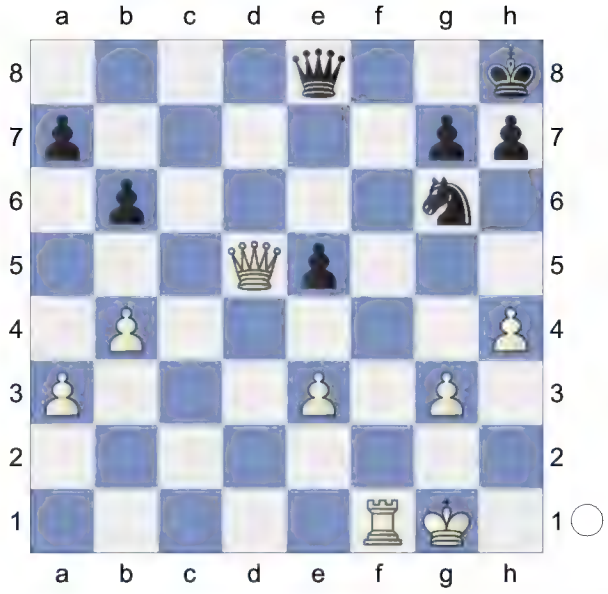


25.Nf7+! White is clearly winning.
[25.Qxd6 Ng6±]
25...Kg8



and ...Rf8 would now be decisive
26.Nxd6
[Inferior is 26.Qxd6 Rf8 27.Rf2 *(27.Qxe7 Qxf1+* Remove Defender, Decoy *28.Kxf1 Rxf7+=)* 27...Ng6= *(27...Qc1+ 28.Kg2∓)*]
26...Qc2 27.Nxc8 Qxc8 28.Qd6 Ng6 29.h4 Qe8 7.80/20
[⌓29...Nf8 4.88/18 30.Qe7 *(30.Qxe5 Ne6+-)* 30...Ne6 31.Qxa7 b5]

30.Qd5+ Kh8



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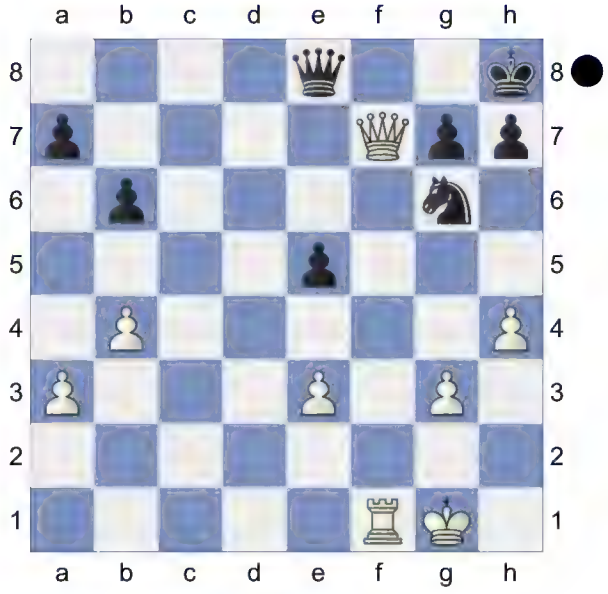
31.Qf7



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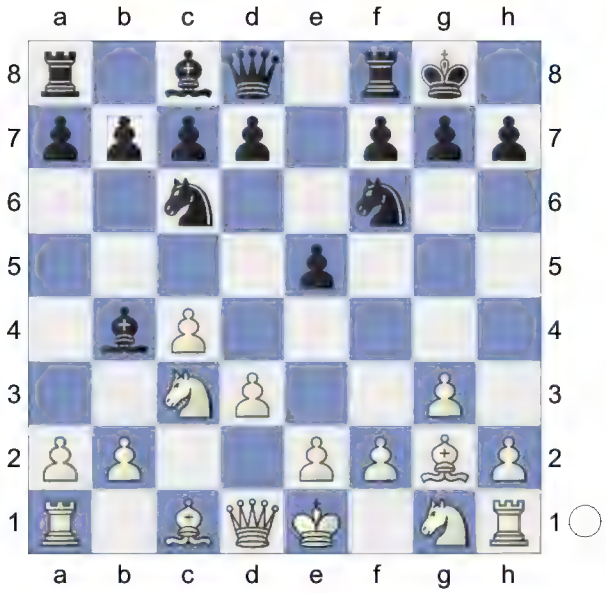
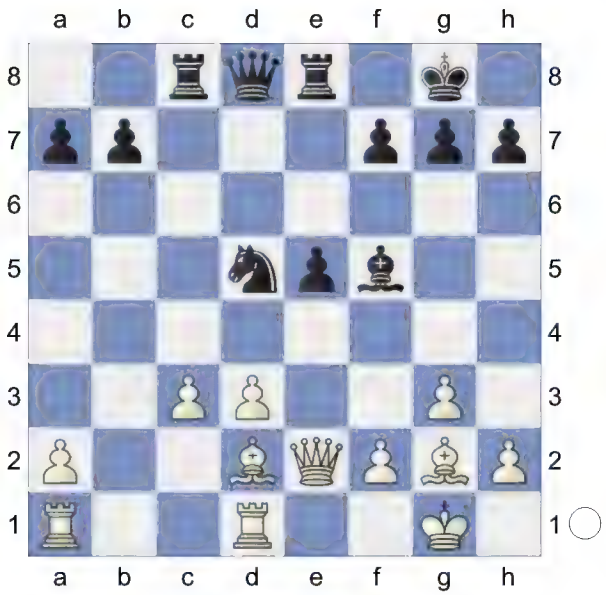
11 **A25**
□ **Raton** **3020**
■ **Rikikits** **2829**
Blitz 06.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A25: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 but without early d3
Z. Hracek / C.D. Meyer: 'EXPLOITING UNDERDEVELOPMENT
Grandmaster Zbynek Hracek has selected for us this fine attacking game which he likes to call to remembrance. The Czech No. 1 (*1970) is playing for the Chess Department of the SV Werder Bremen already since 1991, and at Werder's top board in the German Bundesliga since 1994.
' 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 0-0

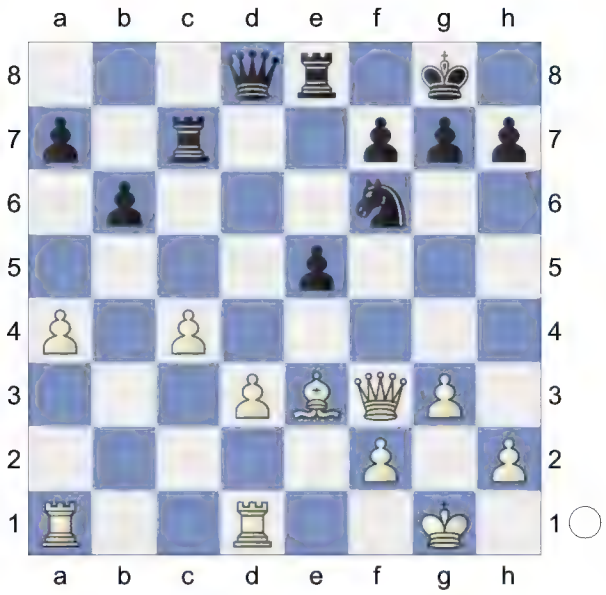


6.e4
[6.Bd2 Ne7 7.Nf3 Ng6 8.0-0 d6 9.Ne4 Bxd2 10.Nfxd2 Ne8 11.b4 c6 12.Nc3 Ne7 13.Rb1 f5 14.f4 Nf6 15.h3 Nh5 16.Kh2 Rf6 17.e3 Rh6 18.Nf3 Nf6 19.Kg1 Ng6 20.Qe1 Nh5 ½-½ (25) Bhakti,K (2272)-Horvath,J (2509) Vaujany op 5th 2014 (5.7)]
6...Nd4N
[6...d6 7.Nge2 a6 8.0-0 Bc5 9.h3 Ne8 10.Kh2 f5 11.f4 exf4 12.Nxf4 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Nf6 14.Ng5 Nd4 15.b4 Ba7 16.Bb2 Re8 17.c5 dxc5 18.bxc5 h6 19.Bxd4 hxg5 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Bd5+ 1-0 (25) Hracek,Z (2475)-Prandstetter,E (2430) (Match) Brno 1990 (3)]
7.Nge2 -0.57/20
[7.a3± 0.39/19 Be7 8.Nf3]
7...c6 0.25/20
[7...d5!∓ -0.57/20 8.a3 Bxc3+ Remove Defender 9.bxc3 Nxe2 10.Kxe2 dxe4 11.dxe4 Be6]
8.0-0= White has an edge. **8...Nxe2+ 9.Qxe2 Re8 10.Be3 Bxc3**

11.bxc3 d5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Bd2 0.18/21 A strong pair of Bishops.
[14.c4± 0.91/19 Nb4 15.Rfb1]
14...Bf5 15.Rfd1 -0.15/20
[15.Qf3!± 0.49/19 Ne7 16.d4 *(16.Qxb7 Qxd3 17.Be3 Rac8±)*]
15...Rc8
(Diagram)

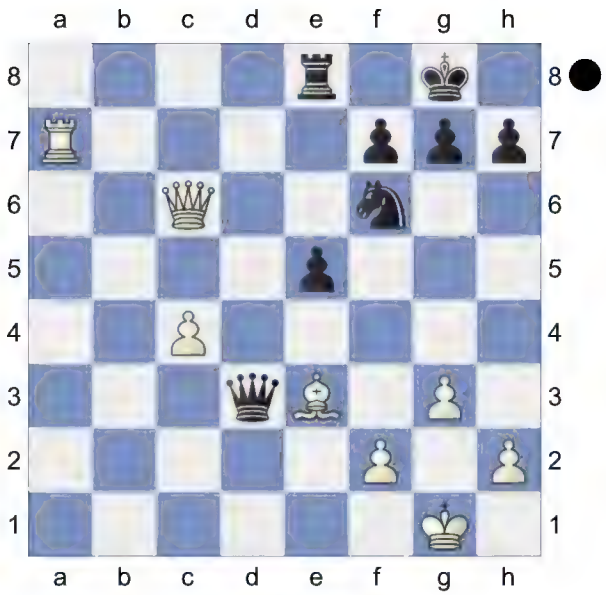


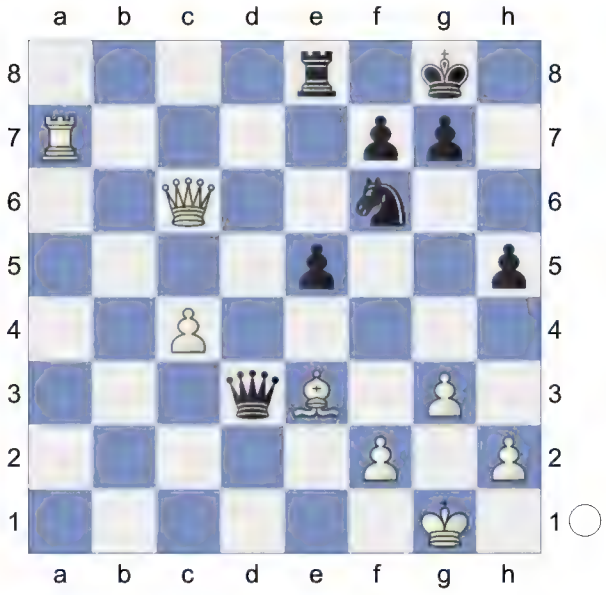
16.c4 Nf6 17.Be3 b6 18.a4 Bg4 h5
19.Bf3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Rc7



21.a5 bxa5 22.Rxa5 Rd7 23.Rxa7
Rxd3 24.Rxd3 Qxd3 25.Qc6

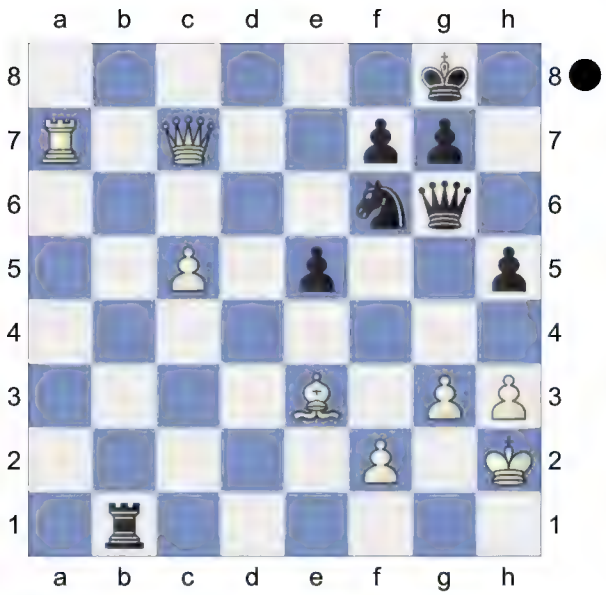
(Diagram)





26.h3 Rb8 27.Kh2→ White is up to no good. Active counter play! **27...Rb1**
28.Qc7 Qg6 29.c5

(Diagram)

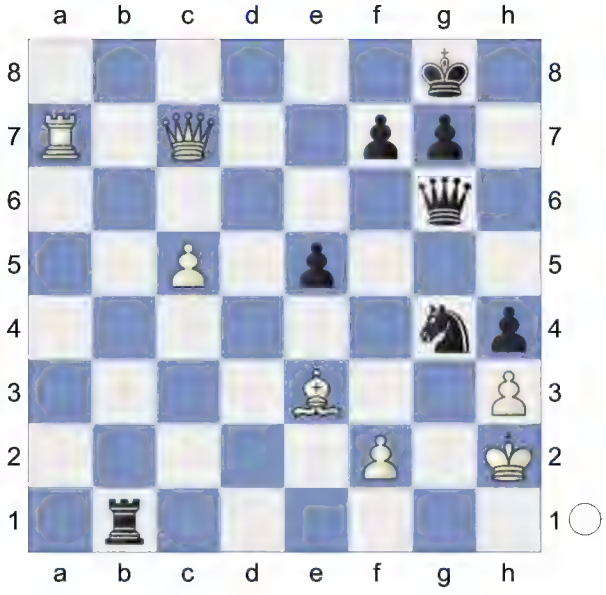


h4 0.82/25 **30.g4±** Black must now prevent c6!. Chess con chili.

[30.gxh4? Qg1#]

[30.Qxe5?! hxg3+ 31.Qxg3 Qe4=]

30...Nxg4+? 6.13/18



31.hxg4+- White is clearly winning.

31...Qxg4 32.Qd8+

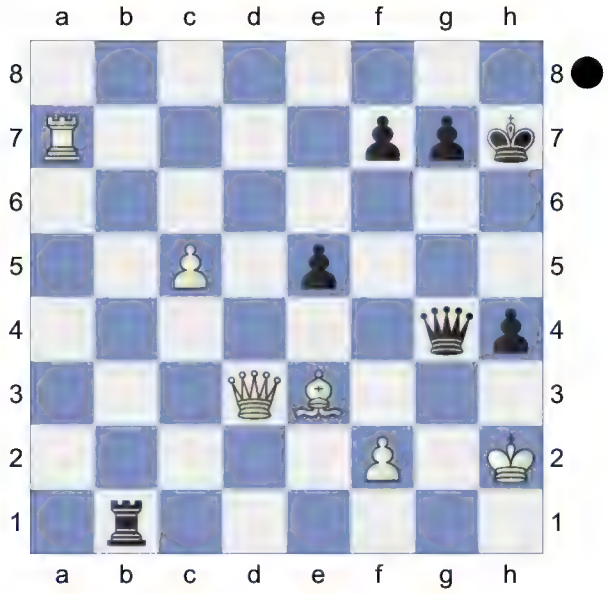
[32.Qxe5? is the wrong capture. Qf3-+]

32...Kh7 (-> ...Qg1+)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.43

33.Qd3+

[And not 33.Rxf7 Qg1+ *(33...Qe4? 34.Rf3+-)* 34.Kh3 Qh1+ *(34...Qf1+ 35.Kxh4 Qc4+ 36.Kg3∓)* 35.Kg4 Qg2+ 36.Kf5 Rb4∓]



Deflection

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12 **A20**

□ **Nimsilubot** **2996**

■ **Mayhem23111** **3024**

Rapid 24.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+1sec

A25: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 but without early d3

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.d3 Nc6N

[4...c6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 a5 8.h3 h6 9.b3 d5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bb2 d4 12.Na4 Bd6 13.e3 dxe3 14.fxe3 Nc6 15.Nd2 Ra6 16.Qe2 Be7 17.Ne4 Nd5 18.g4 b6 19.Rac1 ½-½ (122) Liu,Y (2532)-Xu,Z (2504) CHN-ch Xinghua 2022 (5)]

[4...0-0 5.Nc3 h6 6.Nf3 Re8 7.0-0

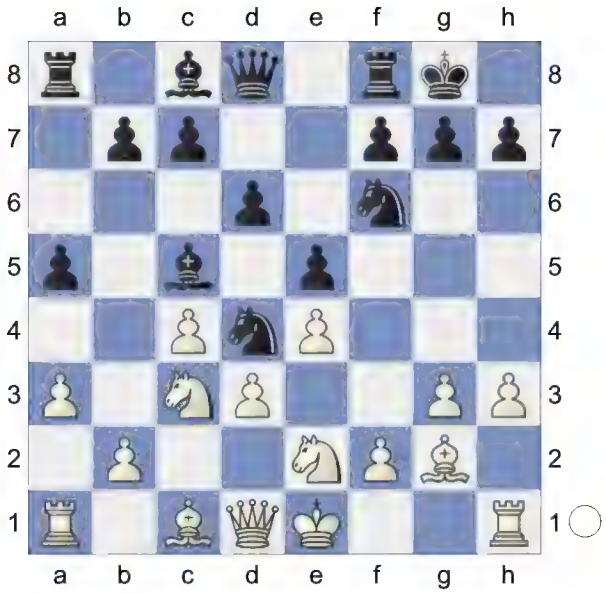
d6 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 c6 10.b3 a5 11.Bb2 Na6 12.Qd2 Qe7 13.Rad1 Bd7 14.h3 Bb6 15.e4 Nc5 16.Rfe1 Rad8 17.Kh2 Bc8 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 0-1 (55) Winter (2791)-Molina, R (2863) 6.♘c3 1994 (2.16)]

[4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 a5 10.Na4 Nxa4 11.Qxa4 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Bd2 c6 14.e3 Bb6 15.Bc3 Re8 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.Rac1 h6 18.h3 Rb8 19.Rd2 0-1 (42) Ding,L (2730)-Wang,Y (2711) Shenzhen Celebrity 4th rapid 2014 (4) Bc7 20.d4 c5 21.Qc2 exd4 22.exd4 c4 23.a4 Bd6 24.Rdd1 b6 25.Re1 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qc7 27.h4 Re8 28.Bd5 Rxe1+ 29.Bxe1 Be6 30.Bxe6 fxe6 31.Qe4 Kf7 32.Bc3 Bf8 33.d5 Qd6 34.dxe6+ 1-0 (42) Winter (2811)-Ernst, H (2759) ASEAN-ch U08 2nd 2001 (38.1)]

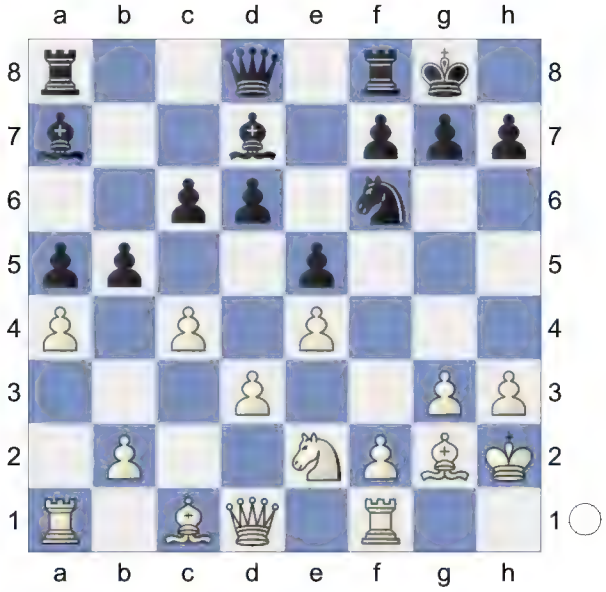
5.Nc3 0-0

6.e3 Bb4 7.e4 d6 8.a3 White has an edge. **8...Bc5 9.h3** Prevents Ng4. **9...a5 10.Nge2 Nd4**

(Diagram)

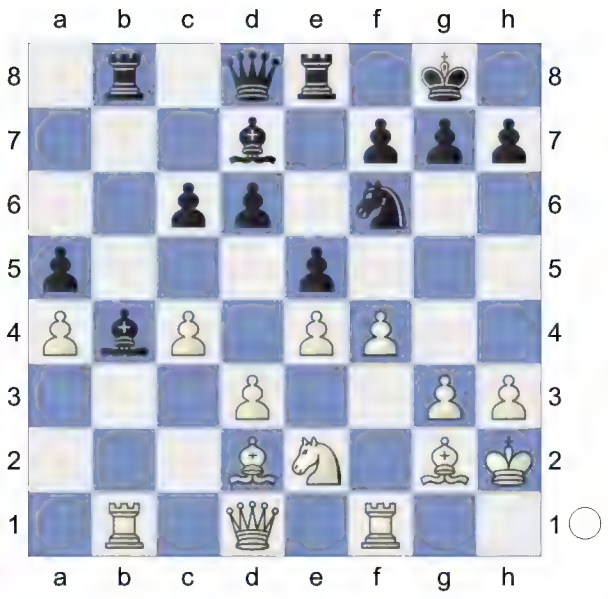


11.0-0 Bd7 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Ne2 Ba7 14.a4 c6 15.Kh2 b5



16.b3 Re8 17.Bd2 Bc5 18.f4 bxc4 19.bxc4 Bb4 20.Rb1 Rb8

(Diagram)



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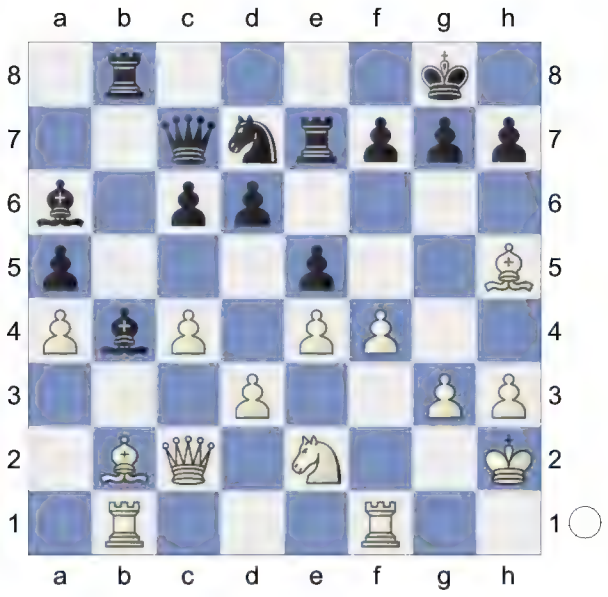

26.Rbd1 h6 27.Ba1 Bc5 28.Bc3 Nf6 29.Bf3 Ree8 30.Bg2 Nd7

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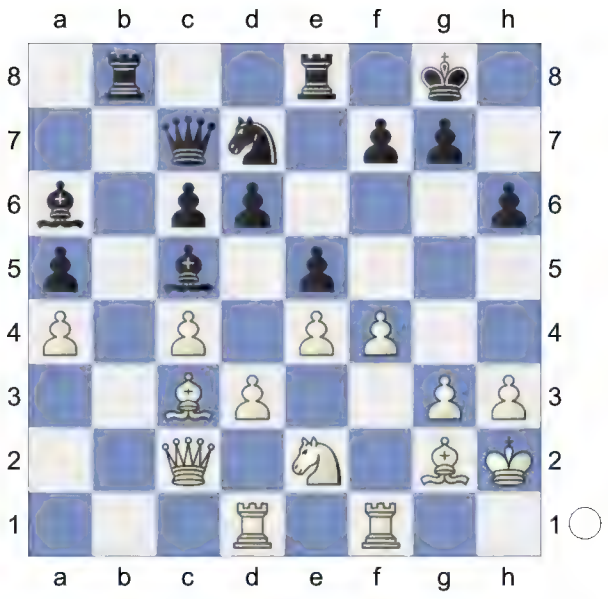
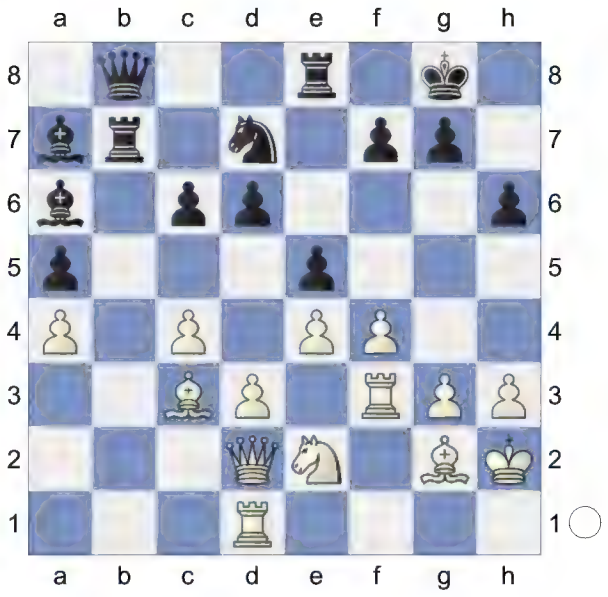
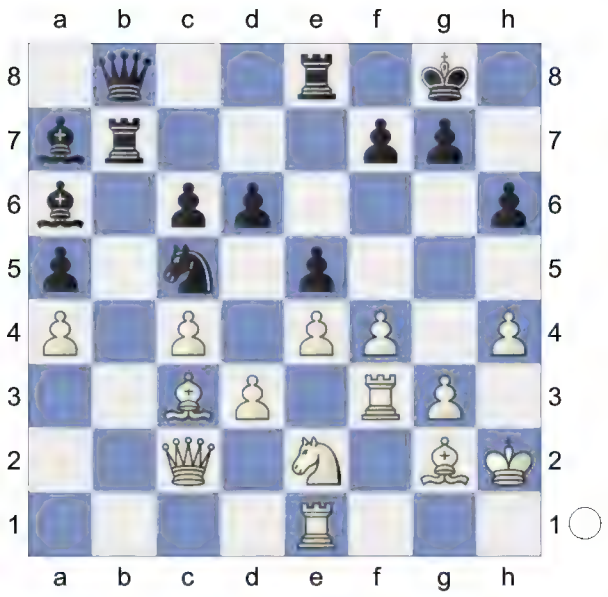


31.Ba1 Rb4 32.Bc3 Rb7 33.Qa2 Be3 34.Rf3 Ba7 35.Qd2 Qb8



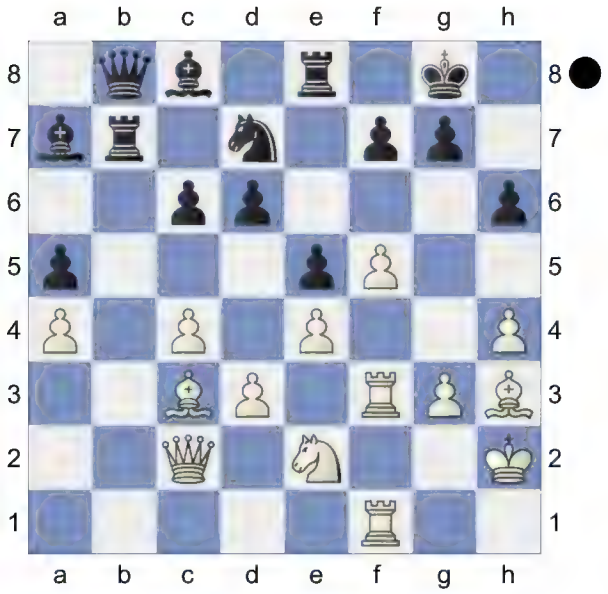
36.Qc2 Rc8 37.Ba1
[37.Bxa5? Rb2 38.Qc1 Rxe2-+]
37...Nc5 38.Bc3 Nb3 39.h4 Re8 40.Re1 Nc5

(Diagram)



41.Bh3 Rb3 42.Bg2 Nd7 43.Bh3 Bc8 44.Ref1 Rb7 45.f5

[45.Bxa5 Rb2 46.Qd1 Ra2]



45...d5!

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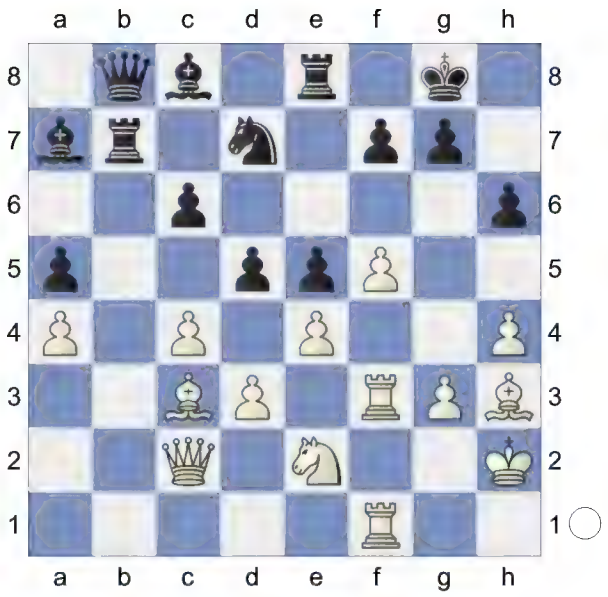


46.g4 Bd4 47.g5 Bxc3 48.Qxc3

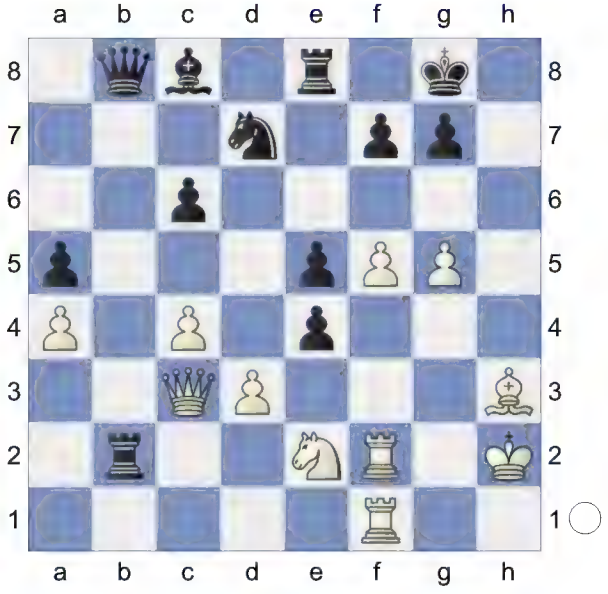
[48.Nxc3? Rb2-+]

48...hxg5 49.hxg5

[49.cxd5 Rb2 50.R1f2 cxd5 51.hxg5 Qb6∓]

49...Rb2 Strongly threatening ...dxe4.

50.R3f2 dxe4



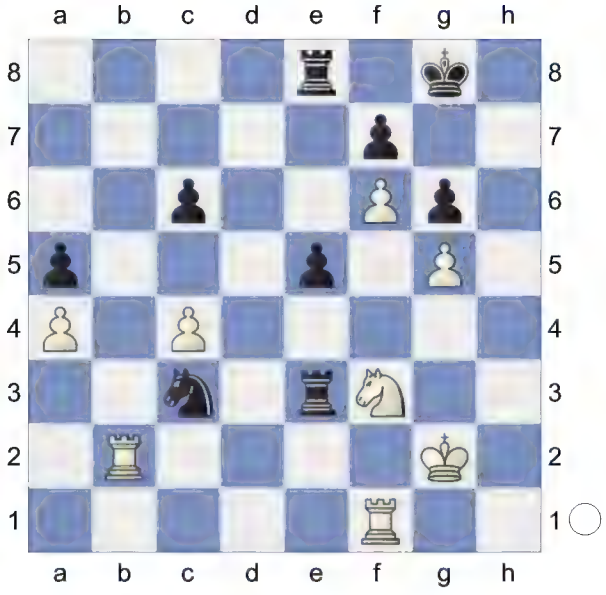
51.dxe4 Qb3

[51...Nc5 seems wilder. 52.Ng3 Rb3 53.Qxa5 Rxg3 54.Qxc5 Qb3]

52.Qxb3 Rxb3 53.f6 g6 54.Ng1! Nc5 55.Bxc8 Rxc8

(Diagram)

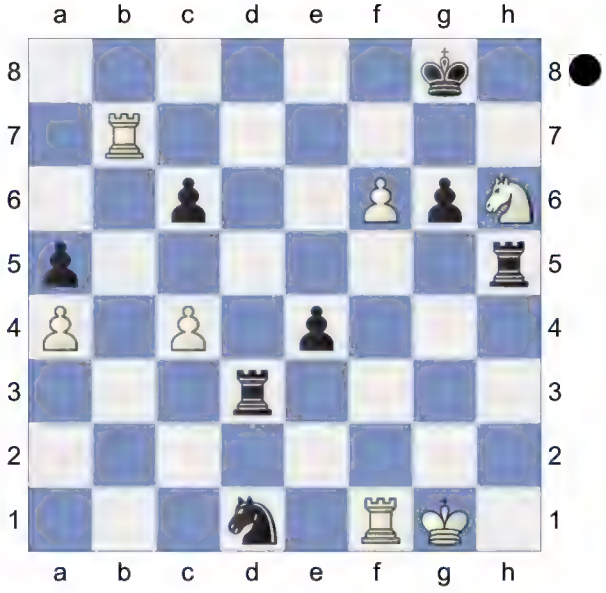
56.Nf3 Re8
[56...Nxa4 57.Kg3 Rcb8 58.Rh2+-]
57.Re2 Rc3 58.Rb2 Re3 59.Kg3!
aiming for Rh2. The position is equal.
59...Nxe4+ 60.Kg2 Nc3



61.Rb3 Nd1 62.Rb7 Rd8 63.Kg1 e4 64.Ne5 Rg3+ 65.Kh1 Rxg5

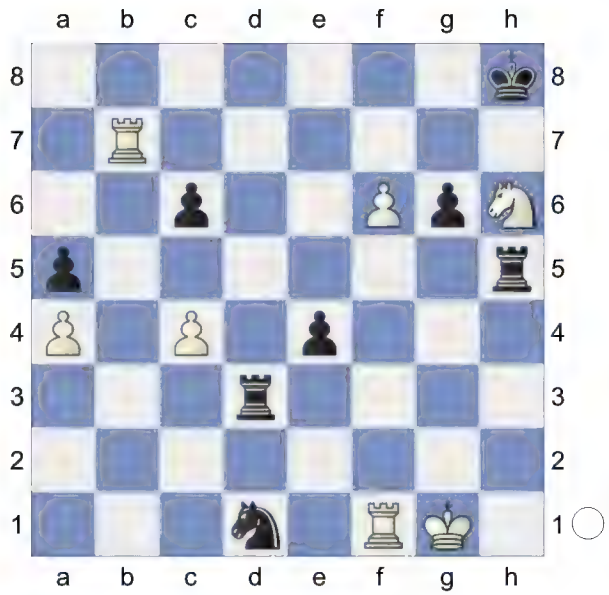
(Diagram)

66.Nxf7 Rh5+ 67.Kg1 Rd3 68.Nh6+!



Clearance, Promotion **68...Kh8!**
[68...Rxh6 69.f7+ Kf8 70.Rb8+ Ke7 71.f8Q+ *(71.f8B+ Ke6+-)* 71...Kd7 72.Rf7+ Ke6 73.Re8#]
69.Nf7+ Kg8 70.Nh6+! Clearance, Promotion **70...Kh8!**
[And not 70...Rxh6 71.f7+ Kf8 72.Rb8+ Ke7 73.f8Q+ *(73.f8B+ Kd7+-)* 73...Ke6 74.Re8+ Skewer Kd7 75.Rf7#]

(Diagram)



71.Nf7+

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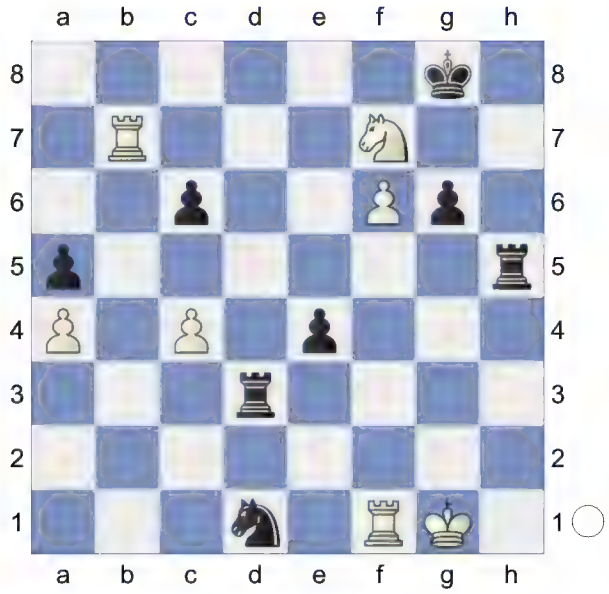
71...Kg8



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13 **A36**

□ **Torombot** **2985**

■ **Raspfish** **2939**

Blitz 05.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7

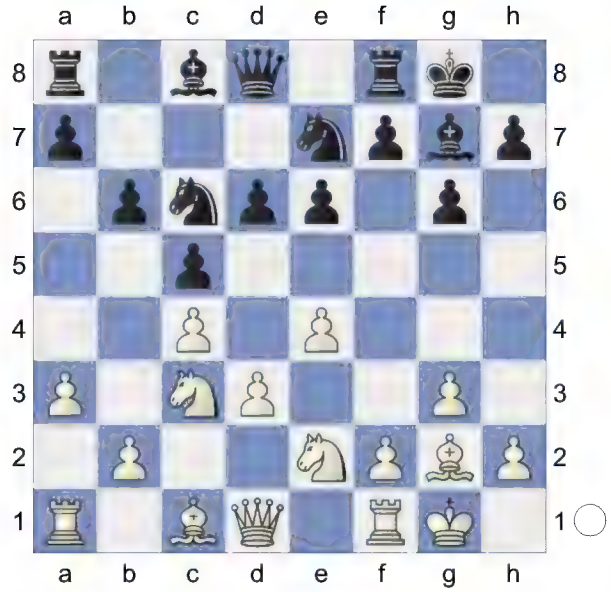
1.c4 c5 2.d3 Nc6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7

6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3

[9.Bg5 a6 10.Qd2 Rb8 11.Bh6 Nd4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Ne2 e5 15.f4 f6 16.a4 a5 17.b4 axb4 18.Qxb4 Qc7 19.Rab1 Ra8 20.Rb2 Nc6 21.Qa3 Nd8 22.Ra1 Ne6 23.Bh3 Nc5 0-1 (46) Martin,A (2480)-Michelman,P (2455) (m/2) 126/39 2015]

[9.f4 Rb8 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Qd2 a6 12.a4 Nb3 13.Qc2 Nxa1 14.Rxa1 Nc6 15.e5 Nd4 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Bxd4 dxe5 18.Bc5 Re8 19.Ne4 exf4 20.Bd6 Ra8 21.gxf4 f5 22.c5 fxe4 23.dxe4 Bd7 0-1 Mejzlik,V (190 (1900)-Belan,V (1810) CZE-ch U16 Czech Republic 2001 (8)]

9...b6



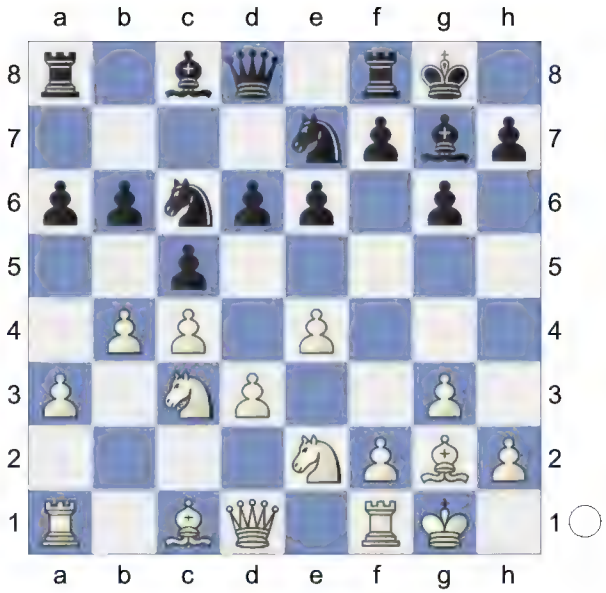
10.b4N

[10.Be3 Bb7 11.Rb1 Qd7 12.b4 Rad8 13.f4 f5 14.h3 h6 15.g4 fxg4 16.hxg4 Nd4 17.Ng3 Rf7 18.Rf2 Bc6 19.Qf1 Rdf8 20.b5 Bb7 21.Qc1 Kh7 22.a4 d5 23.Nce2 dxe4 24.dxe4 e5 1-0 (42) Runting,T-Stubbs, M CCLA Candidates 7980 1979 25.f5 g5 26.Nc3 Ng8 27.Nh5 Nf6 28.Nxf6+ Bxf6 29.a5 Qc7 30.Bh1 Kh8 31.Rh2 Rh7 32.Rh5 Qf7 33.Qf1 Nc2 34.Bc1 Qd7 35.Nd5 Bxd5 36.exd5 e4 37.Bxe4 Bd4+ 38.Kh1 Ne3 39.Bxe3 Bxe3 1-0 (42) 14.Ne4 Re8 15.h4 h6 16.g4-Hoffmann USSR ch-12 semifinal? 1973 40.Qh3 Bd4 41.axb6 Qe7 42.Qd3 1-0 14.♘e4 ♖e8 15.h4 h6 16. g4-Hoffmann USSR ch-12 semifinal? 1973]

10...a6

[10...Bb7 11.Rb1]

(Diagram)

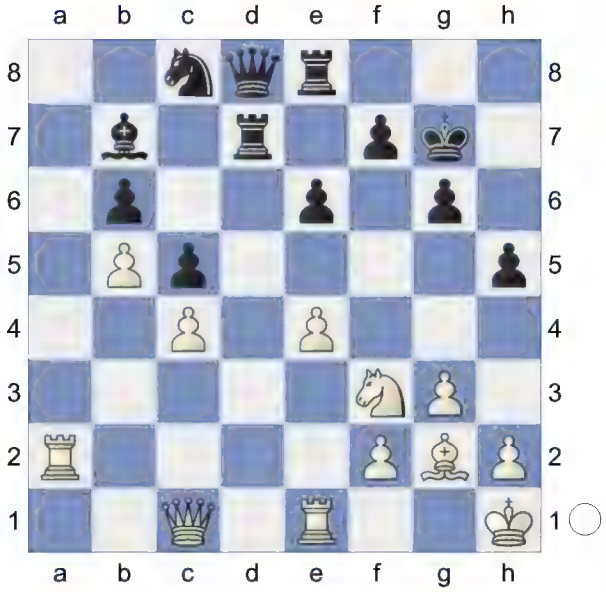


11.Rb1 Ra7 12.b5 Nd4 13.Bb2 Bd7 14.a4 h5 15.Kh1 axb5

16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.axb5 d5 18.Ne2 Bxb2 19.Rxb2 Bc8 20.Qc1 Kg7

(Diagram)

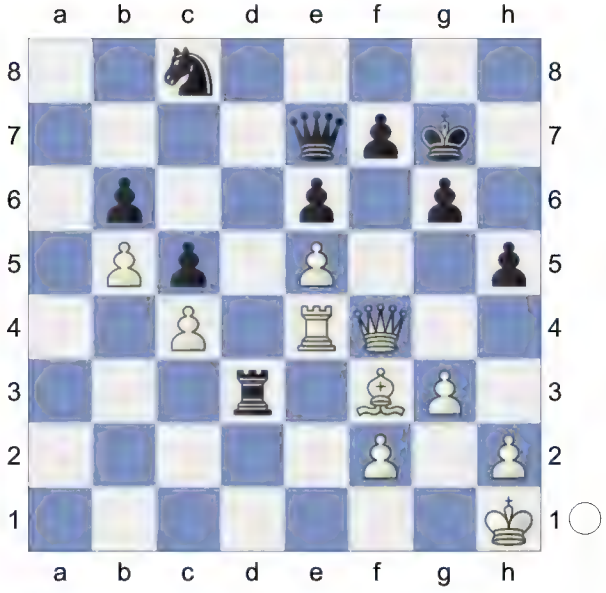
21.Re1 dxc4 22.dxc4 Rd7 Wards off Rd2 **23.Ra2 Bb7 24.Ng1 Re8 25.Nf3** Against e5 **25...Nc8**



26.Qf4 Rd1 27.Ra1 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Qe7 29.e5! Bxf3 The position is equal. **30.Bxf3 Rd8**

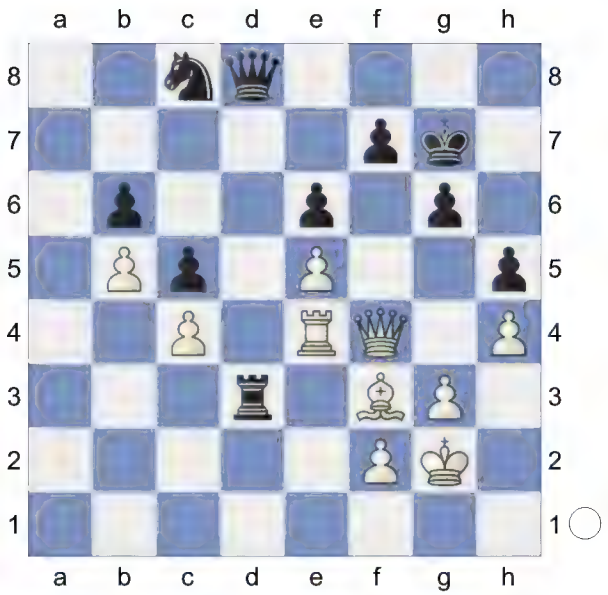
(Diagram)

31.Re4 Rd3⇄

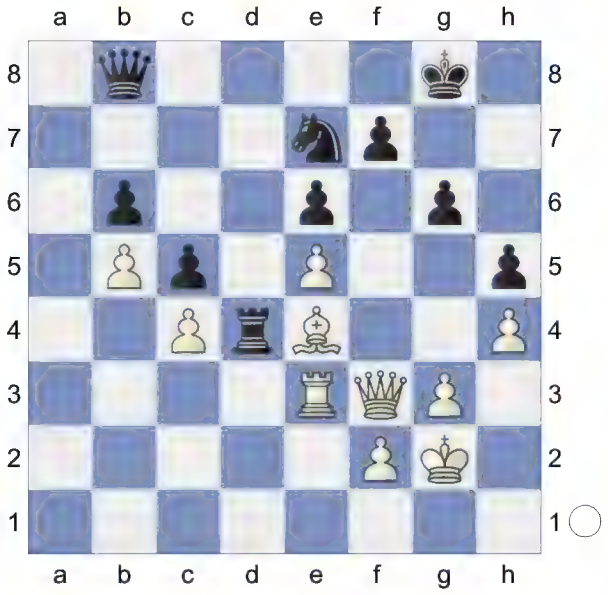


Black is fighting back **32.Be2 Ra3 33.Kg2 Qd8 34.Bf3 Rc3** Strongly threatening ...g5. **35.h4 Rd3**

(Diagram)

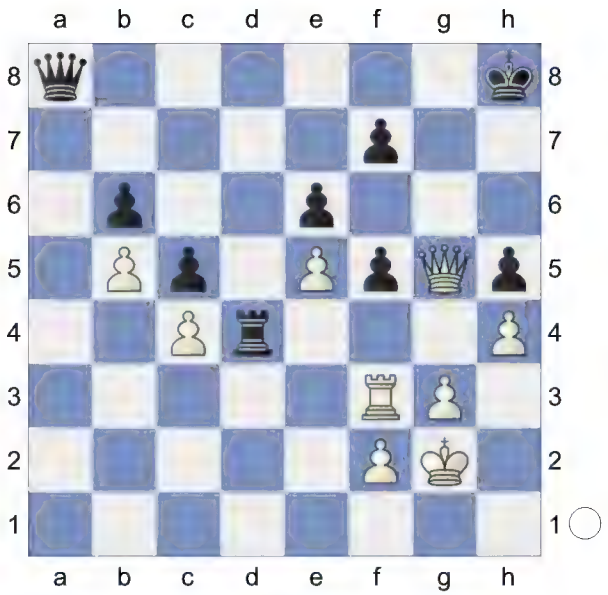


36.Re2 Rd4 37.Be4 aiming for Ra2.
37...Ne7 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Re3 Qe8
[39...Rxc4 40.Bxg6 Qf8 41.Be4 *(41.Bxh5 Nd5+-)* 41...Rxe4 42.Rxe4±]
40.Qf3 Qb8



41.Qf6 Qe8 42.Bd3 Qa8+ 43.Rf3 Nf5 44.Bxf5 gxf5 45.Qg5+ A balanced but interesting game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
45...Kh8

(Diagram)

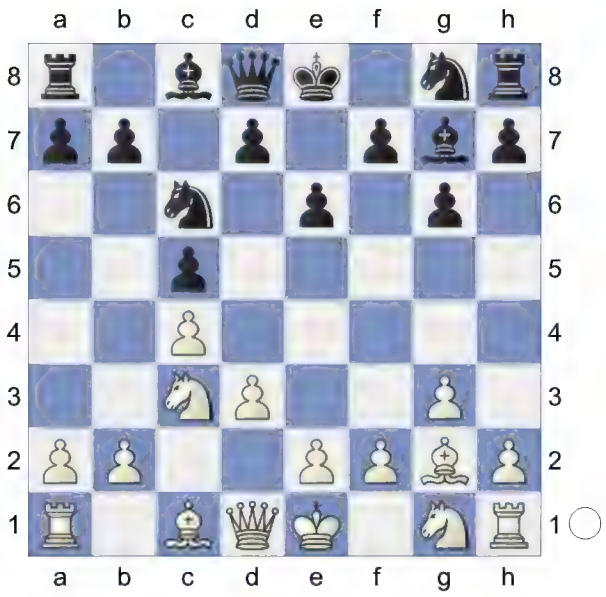


½-½

14 **A36**
□ **Torombot** **2961**
■ **Raspfish** **2936**
Blitz 19.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
1.c4 g6 2.d3 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e6

(Diagram)



6.e4 Nge7 7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3

[9.Bg5 a6 10.Qd2 Rb8 11.Bh6 Nd4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Ne2 e5 15.f4 f6 16.a4 a5 17.b4 axb4 18.Qxb4 Qc7 19.Rab1 Ra8 20.Rb2 Nc6 21.Qa3 Nd8 22.Ra1 Ne6 23.Bh3 Nc5 0-1 (46) Martin,A (2480)-Michelman,P (2455) (m/2) 126/39 2015]

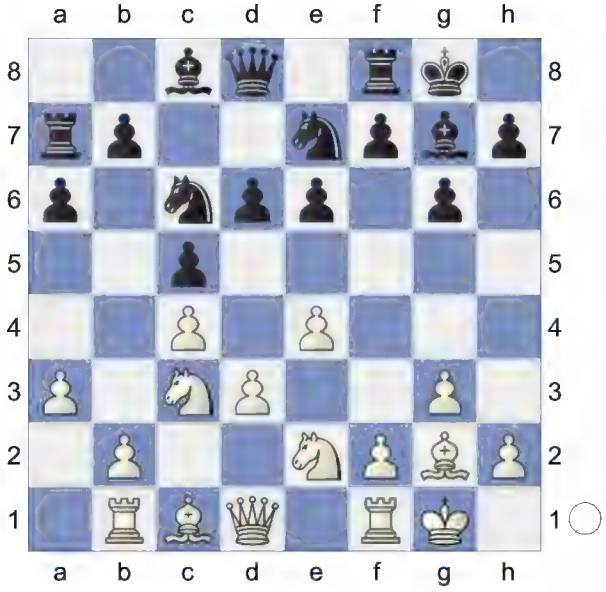
[9.f4 Rb8 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Qd2 a6 12.a4 Nb3 13.Qc2 Nxa1 14.Rxa1 Nc6 15.e5 Nd4 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Bxd4 dxe5 18.Bc5 Re8 19.Ne4 exf4 20.Bd6 Ra8 21.gxf4 f5 22.c5 fxe4 23.dxe4 Bd7 0-1 Mejzlik,V (190 (1900)-Belan,V (1810) CZE-ch U16 Czech Republic 2001 (8)]

9...a6N

[9...b6 10.Be3 Bb7 11.Rb1 Qd7 12.b4 Rad8 13.f4 f5 14.h3 h6 15.g4 fxg4 16.hxg4 Nd4 17.Ng3 Rf7 18.Rf2 Bc6 19.Qf1 Rdf8 20.b5 Bb7 21.Qc1 Kh7 22.a4 d5 23.Nce2 dxe4 24.dxe4 1-0 (42) Runting,T-Stubbs,M CCLA Candidates 7980 1979 e5 25.f5 g5 26.Nc3 Ng8 27.Nh5 Nf6 28.Nxf6+ Bxf6 29.a5 Qc7 30.Bh1 Kh8 31.Rh2 Rh7 32.Rh5 Qf7 33.Qf1 Nc2 34.Bc1 Qd7 35.Nd5 Bxd5 36.exd5 e4 37.Bxe4 Bd4+ 38.Kh1 Ne3 39.Bxe3 1-0 (42) 14.Ne4 Re8 15.h4 h6 16.g4-Hoffmann USSR ch-12 semifinal? 1973]

[9...a5 10.h3 b6 11.g4 Bb7 12.g5 Qd7 13.h4 Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Nb5 d5 16.Bf4 e5 17.Bg3 dxc4 18.dxc4 Nc6 19.b3 Ba6 20.a4 Nd8 21.Kh2 Ne6 22.Bh3 Rad8 23.Bxe6 Qxe6 24.Nc7 (42) Model Games-Game #1: Romanov,E]

10.Rb1 Ra7



11.b4 b6 12.b5 Nd4 13.Bb2 h5 14.a4 Kh7 15.h3 Bd7

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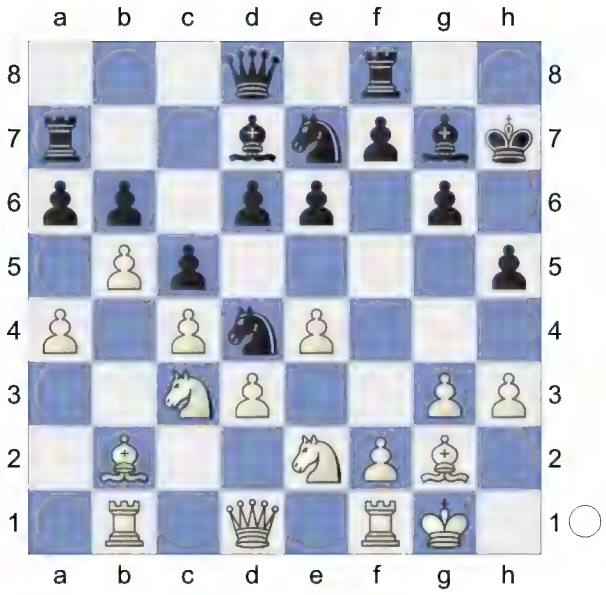
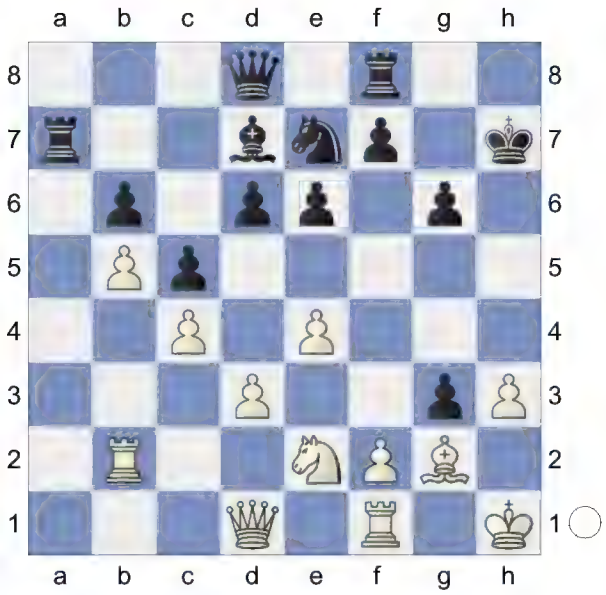
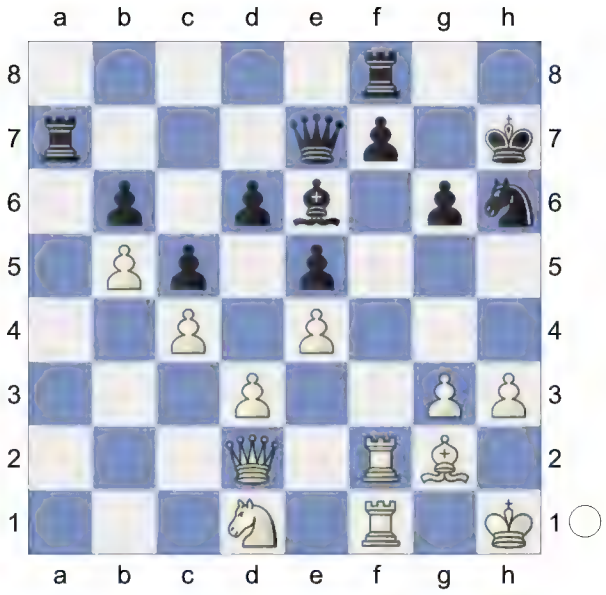


16.Kh1 axb5 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.axb5 h4 19.Ne2 Bxb2 20.Rxb2 hxg3

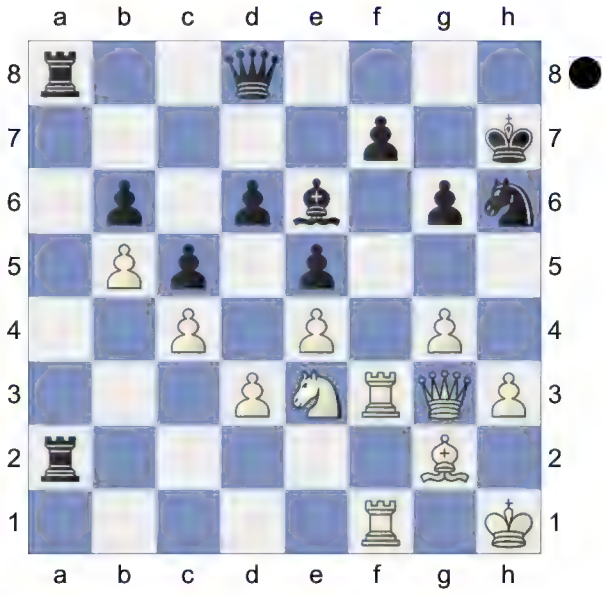


21.fxg3 Ng8 22.Nc3 e5
[22...Kg7 23.Rbf2 e5 24.Qd2 Be6]
23.Rbf2 Be6
[23...Kg7 24.Qd2 Be6 25.Nd1 Nh6]
24.Qd2 Nh6 25.Nd1 Qe7

(Diagram)



26.Ne3
[26.Bf3 keeps more tension. Ra1 27.Kg2 Rfa8 28.Nc3]
26...Qg5 Against Nf5 **27.Qe1 Rfa8 28.Rf3 Qd8** The position is equal. **29.g4 Ra2 30.Qg3**



g5!

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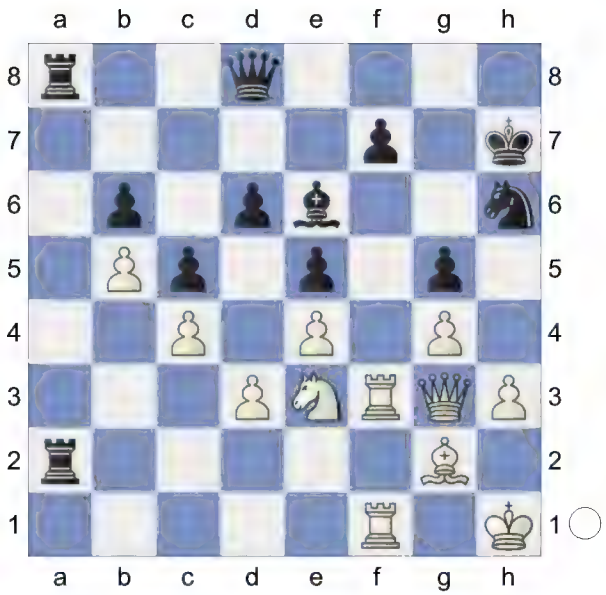
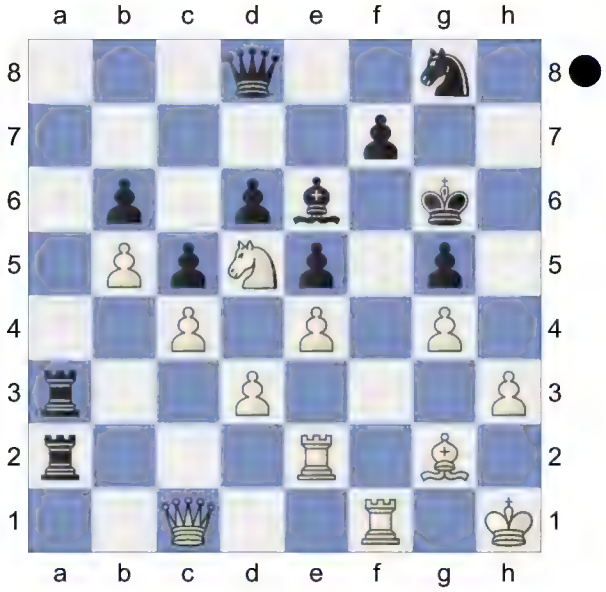


31.R3f2 Ng8 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Qe3
and Nf6! should not be overlooked
33...Kg6 34.Qc1 R8a3 35.Re2



Deflection **35...Kg7**

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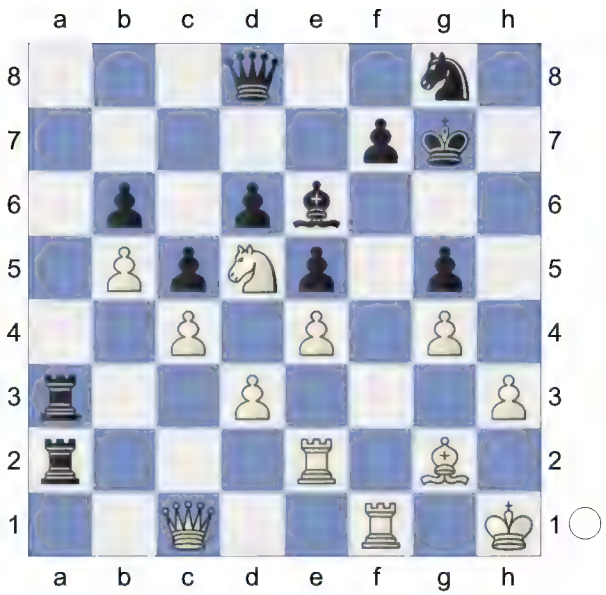
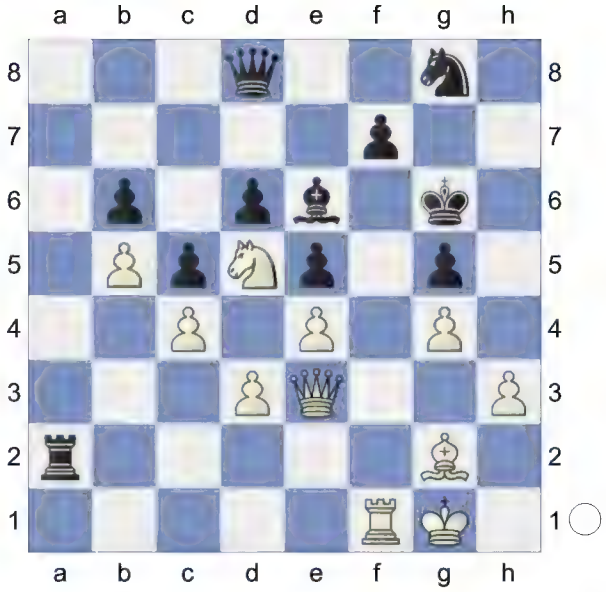
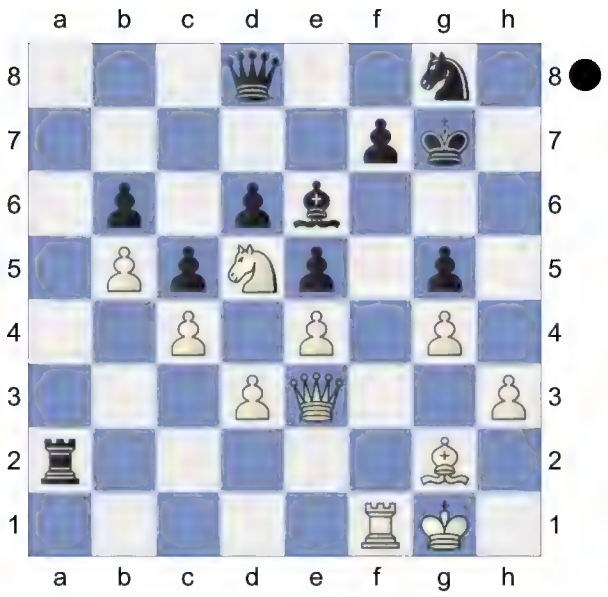


36.Kg1
[36.Rxa2 simplifies Rxa2 37.Nc3 Ra7 38.Ne2]
36...Ra7 37.Rxa2 Rxa2 38.Nc3 Ra7 39.Nd5 Ra2 40.Qe3 Kg6



41.Qf3 Kg7 42.Qe3 Kg6 43.Qg3 Kg7
An even fight not without its subleties.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
44.Qe3

(Diagram)



½-½

15 **A16**
□ **Cutemouse83** **2957**
■ **Pblu35** **2740**
Blitz 03.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A24: English Opening vs King's Indian: Lines without ...Nc6
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d3 c6

(Diagram)

6.e4 e5 7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.h3 a6 10.a4
[10.Be3 b5 11.a3 Rb8 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.Rfd1 d5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Nf6 17.Nc3 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Rac1 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qd5+ 21.Kh2 Rfd8 22.Qc6 a5 23.Bb6 Qxc6 24.Rxc6 Rd5 ½-½ (35) Tong,Y (2510)-Li,S (2552) CHN-chT 3rd Chiva 2007 (1)]
10...a5

11.Be3 Nc5 12.f4 White is slightly better. **12...exf4N**

[12...Nfd7 13.f5 Bf6 14.h4 b6 15.Ra3 g5 16.Qd2 h6 17.g4 Kh7 18.Kh1 Rg8 19.h5 Bb7 20.Rd1 Qe7 21.Nc1 Rad8 22.Qf2 Rge8 23.N1a2 Nb8 24.b4 axb4 25.Nxb4 Nba6 26.Nc2 Rb8 27.Ra2 ½-½ (104) Contin,D (2225)-Borda,A (2277) Villa Martelli 90 Aanos 2023 (9) Ba8 28.Qf1 Nb3 29.Qg1 Nbc5 30.Raa1 Red8 31.Rab1 Qc7 32.Bc1 Re8 33.Ne3 Nd7 34.Bb2 Nac5 35.Qf2 Bb7 36.Qc2 Ra8 37.Ra1 Kg8 38.Rdb1 Reb8 39.Bc1 Kh7 40.Bd2 Kg8 41.Ne2 Ba6 42.Bb4 ½-½ (104) Sinitsina,A (2371)-3.Bb5 Nc6 4.00 (2173) URS-ch FL54 Kuybyshev 1986 (1) Nb7 43.Nc3 Nbc5 44.Bf3 Qc8 45.Rb2 Kh7 46.Rab1 Qc7 47.Ba3 Bb7 48.Kg2 Ra5 49.Bb4 Raa8 50.Kf1 Kg8 51.Ke2 Na6 52.Ba3 Nac5 53.Ra1 Kg7 54.Nf1 Ra7 55.Ne3 Raa8 56.Rba2 Kg8 57.Bb4 ;-; (104) Sinitsina,A (2371)-3. ♗b5 ♘c6 4.00 (2173) URS-ch FL54 Kuybyshev 1986 (1)]

13.gxf4 Re8 14.e5 Nfd7 1.09/18

[14...Nh5± 0.58/19]

15.d4± Na6

16.Ne4 White is more active. **16...dxe5** 2.21/16

[16...Bf8± 1.48/18 17.Qb3 *(17.Nxd6 Bxd6* Pin *18.Qb3 Bf8∓; 17.exd6 Nf6∓)* 17...Nb4]

17.fxe5+- c5 18.Nd6

[18.Nxc5 Naxc5 19.dxc5 Rxe5∓ *(19...Bxe5 20.Qd5=; 19...Nxe5 20.Qxd8 Rxd8 21.Rad1∓)*]

[18.dxc5 Rxe5 19.Bd4 Rxe4 20.Bxe4 Naxc5±]

[18.Bg5?! Qb6±]

18...cxd4 19.Nxe8

[19.Nxf7 Qe7±]

[19.Bxd4?! Nxe5 20.Nxe8 Qxe8±]

19...Qxe8 20.Bxd4 1.06/16

[20.Nxd4 Nxe5 21.Bf4 Nxc4=]

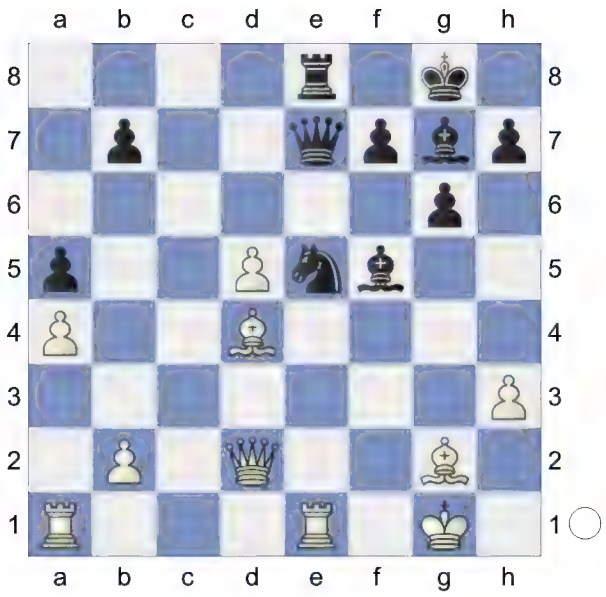
[20.e6!+- 1.79/21 Qxe6 21.Bxd4 Qxc4 22.Rc1 Bxd4+ 23.Nxd4]

20...Nxe5±

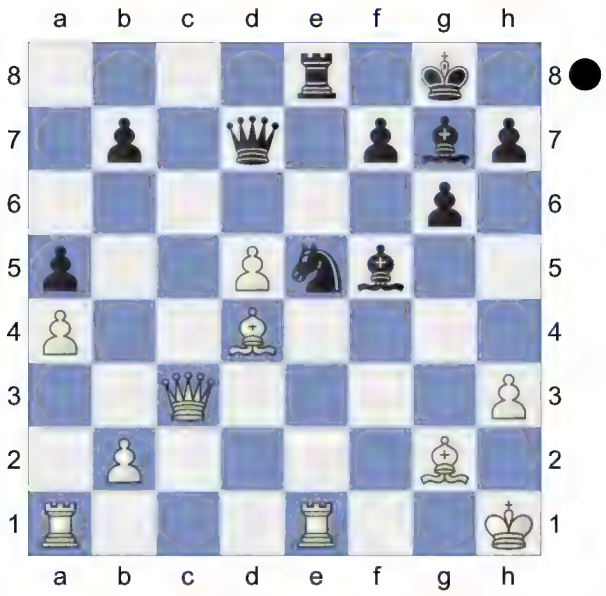
21.Nc3 Black must now prevent Re1.

21...Nb4 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.cxd5 Bf5 24.Re1 Qe7 25.Qd2 Re8

(Diagram)



26.Kh1 0.93/20
[26.Qxa5 Bxh3 *(26...Nf3+ 27.Bxf3 Bxd4+ 28.Kh1=)* 27.Bxh3 Nf3+ 28.Kf1 Nxe1 29.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 31.Kxe1 Bxd4∓]
[White should try 26.Qc3 1.39/18]
26...Qd7 27.Qc3 -1.02/17
[27.Qxa5 Bxh3 28.Bxe5 *(28.Qd2 Nc4∓)* 28...Bxg2+ *(28...Bxe5 29.Qd2∓)* 29.Kxg2 Bxe5∓]
[27.Qe3!± 1.18/20]



27...Bxh3? 4.12/20 **28.Qxh3+-** **Ng4**

7.16/20
[⌓28...Qd6 4.26/19 29.Qg3 f6]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.66
29.Bg1

1-0

16 **A21**
□ **Herushkanamura** **2951**
■ **Neurachess** **2675**
Blitz 07.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

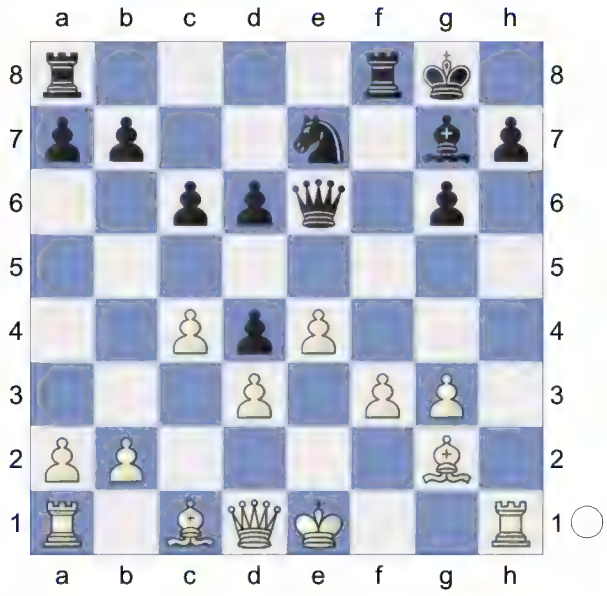
Blitz 3min
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 e5 4.Nc3 Ne7 5.d3 0-0

(Diagram)

6.e4 Nbc6 7.Nge2 d6 8.h4 -0.01/18
[8.0-0± 0.40/18]
[8.Rb1 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 c5 11.0-0 Rb8 12.b4 cxb4 13.Rxb4 Nc6 14.Rb3 Bd7 15.Ba3 Qc7 16.Nf4 Be6 17.Qb1 b6 18.h3 Na5 19.Rb2 Nb7 20.Qc2 Nc5 21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.Rfb1 Rb6 1-0 (40) Dittmar,P (2115)-De Reymaeker,W (1916) Arco op 46th 2024 (2)]
8...Bg4N
[8...Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 c6 12.0-0 cxd5 13.exd5 Bf5 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 h5 17.Rac1 Kh7 18.Kh2 ½-½ Ivkov,B-Stein,L 11/36 Vrnjacka Banja 1971]
9.f3 Be6 10.h5 White is slightly better.
10...Qd7

(Diagram)

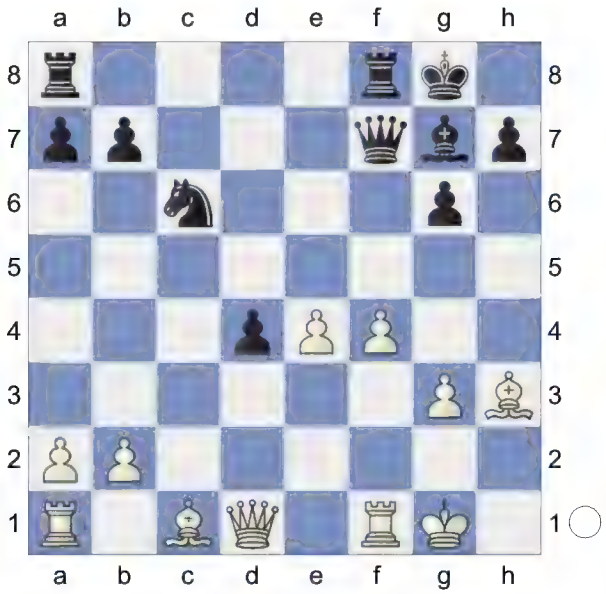
11.Nd5 Nd4 0.90/21
[11...Rae8± 0.40/17]
12.Nxd4 exd4 13.hxg6 0.72/20
White is more active.
[13.h6 1.08/18 Bh8 14.Bg5]
13...fxg6 14.Nf4 c6 1.37/20
[⌓14...Be5 0.82/17]
15.Nxe6± Qxe6



16.f4 0.60/20
[16.Bh3± 1.44/18 Qf7 17.0-0 *(17.f4 a6±)*]
16...d5 1.06/20
[16...Nf5!± 0.60/20 should be

considered.]

17.Bh3 Qf7 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.0-0 dxe4 20.dxe4 Nc6



21.a3 0.50/19

[White should play 21.e5± 1.29/18]

21...Rad8 0.89/18

[21...d3!± 0.50/19]

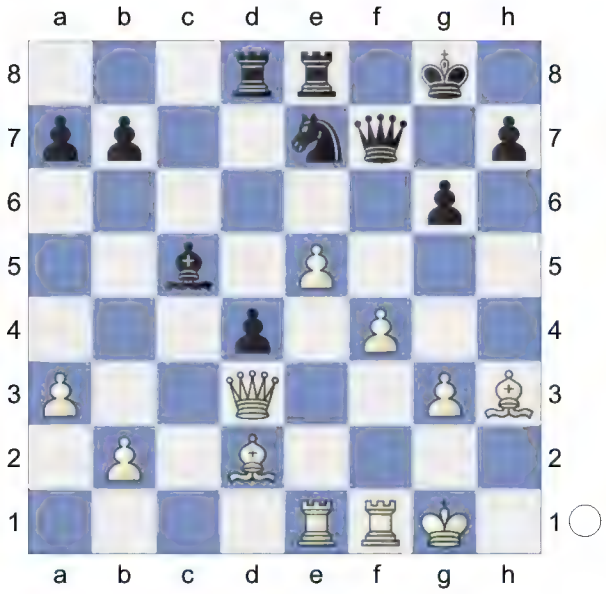
22.Qd3 Rfe8 1.63/20

[22...g5± 0.89/19]

23.Bd2+- Bf8 2.50/18

[23...g5± 1.40/16 24.Rf3 *(24.fxg5 Ne5±)* 24...Kh8]

24.Rae1 Bc5 25.e5 Ne7



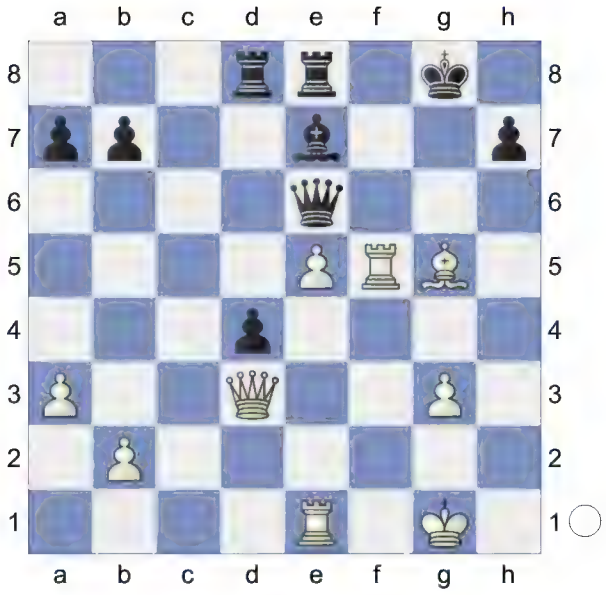
26.f5

[26.b4 Bb6±]

26...gxf5 27.Bxf5 Nxf5 28.Rxf5 Qe6 29.Bg5 1.06/17

[29.Rf6+- 3.19/18 and the rest is easy. Qe7 30.Bh6 Qxf6 31.exf6 Rxe1+ 32.Kg2]

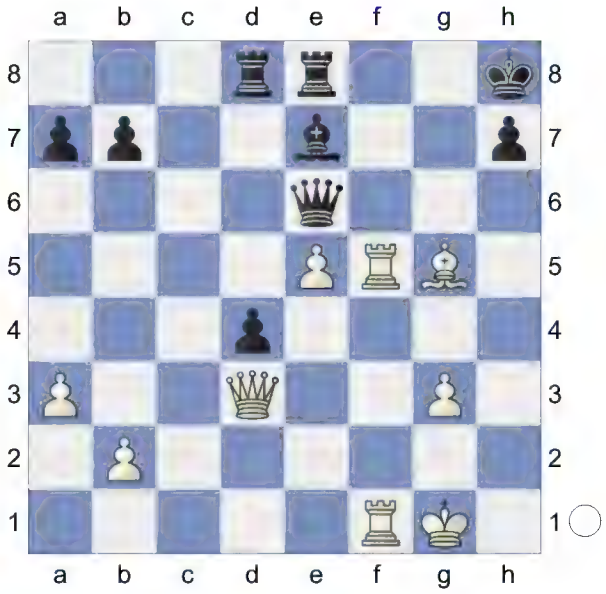
29...Be7±



30.Ref1! Rf7! would now be deadly.

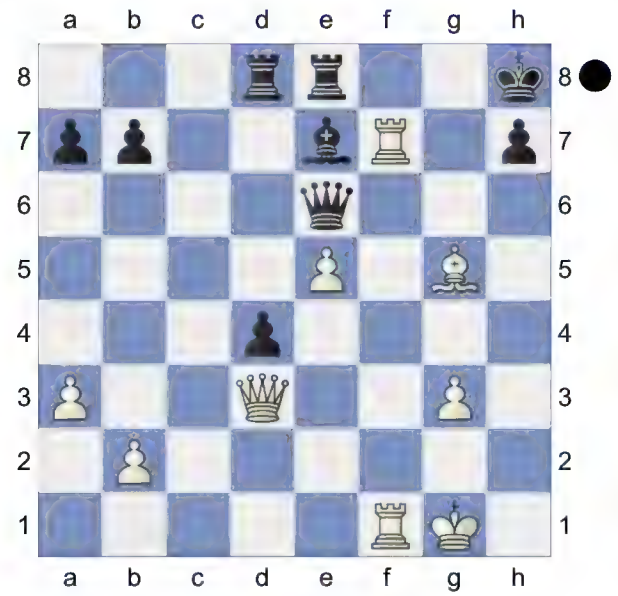
30...Kh8? 4.35/18

[30...Bxg5± 0.92/21 is more resistant. 31.Rxg5+ Kh8]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.45

31.Rf7!



Discovered Attack

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17 **A21**

□ **Herushkanamura** **2942**

■ **Hanskai** **2803**

Blitz 24.10.2022

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 f5 5.d3 Nf6

(Diagram)

6.e4

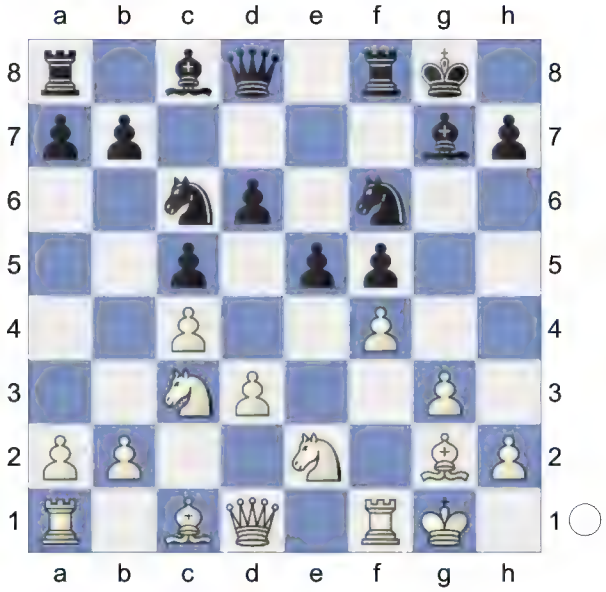
[6.e3 0-0 7.Nge2 c6 8.0-0 *(8.b4 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 cxd5 11.Qb3 e4 12.Bb2 Bxb2 13.Qxb2 Be6 14.0-0 Qb6 15.Rfd1 Nc6 16.dxe4 dxe4 17.Rd6 Bf7 18.a3 Qc7 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Rd2 Rxd2 22.Qxd2 Ne5* 0-1 (48) Acor,C (2228)-Paravyan,D (2586) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Late blitz 2023 (6)*)* 8...Kh8 9.b4 d5 10.b5 dxc4 11.dxc4 Be6 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.bxc6 bxc6 16.Bd6 e4 17.c5 Ne8 18.Nd4 Nxd6 19.cxd6 Bd7 20.f3 c5 0-1 (48) Krysa,L (2524)-Duda,J (2731) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (2)]

6...0-0N

[6...fxe4 7.dxe4 c6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Na6 10.f4 Ng4 11.Qb3 Nc5 12.Qc2 Qb6 13.Kh1 Ne6 14.h3 Ne3 15.Bxe3 Qxe3 16.Rf3 Qc5 17.Na4 Qe7 18.f5 gxf5 19.exf5 Ng5 20.Rff1 d6 21.g4 1-0 (58) Olsen,P-Carlos,R (1684) Molodezhka vs POL 2020 blitz (8) Nf7 22.Ng3 Qh4 23.Nh5 Nh6 24.Qe4 Nxf5 25.Rf3 Bh6 26.gxf5

Qxh5 27.Qg4+ Qxg4 28.hxg4 Bf4 29.Rd1 h5 30.Rxd6 hxg4 31.Rg6+ Kf7 32.Rxg4 Bxf5 33.Rh4 Rh8 34.Rxh8 Rxh8+ 35.Kg1 Ke7 36.Rb3 1-0 (58) Marin Ferragut,P-Ballester Cladera,A (1684) Campos Migjorn op 2019 (8)]

7.Nge2 c5 8.0-0 Nc6 White is slightly better. **9.exf5 gxf5 10.f4 d6**



11.Kh1 Be6 12.Be3 Nd4 13.Qd2 -0.11/17

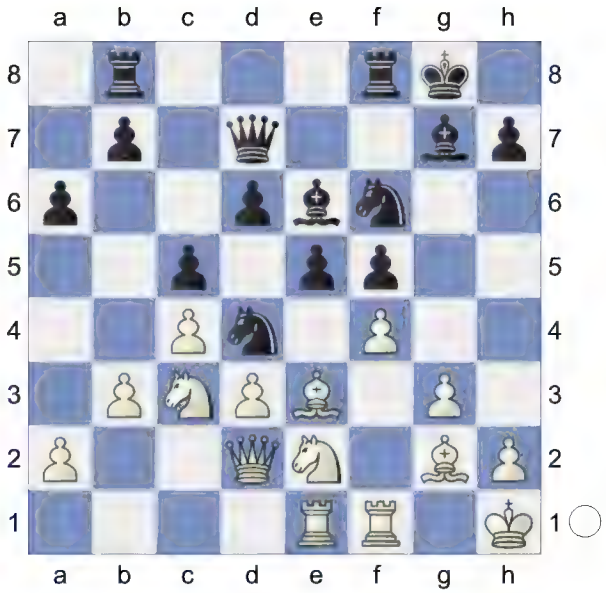
[13.Rb1 0.25/18]

13...Rb8 14.Rae1 a6 0.48/19

[14...b6= 0.00/20]

15.b3 Qd7

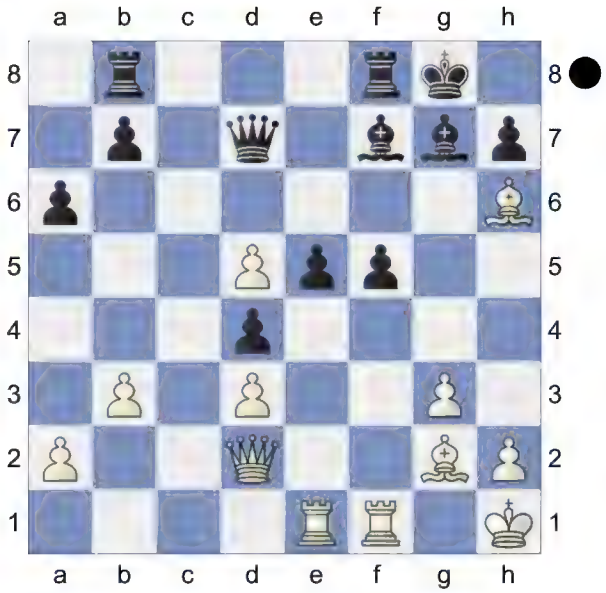
(Diagram)



16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.cxd5 Bf7 18.fxe5 -0.15/20

[18.b4!± 0.33/21 might be stronger.]

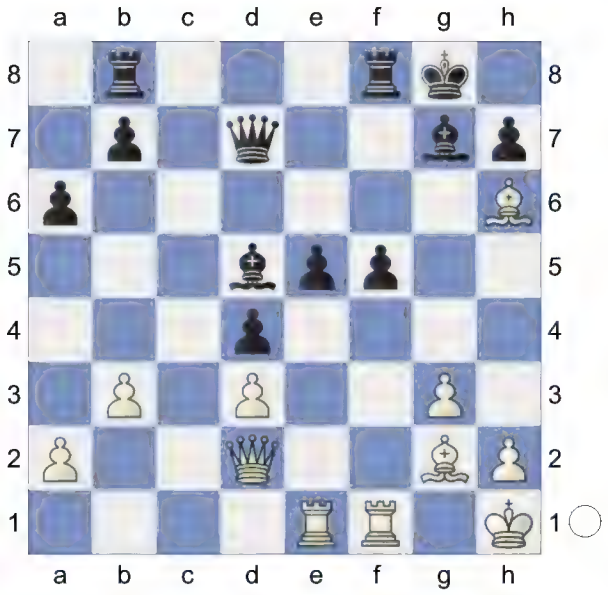
18...dxe5= 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Bh6



Bxd5 0.41/18

[20...Rbe8= -0.07/20]

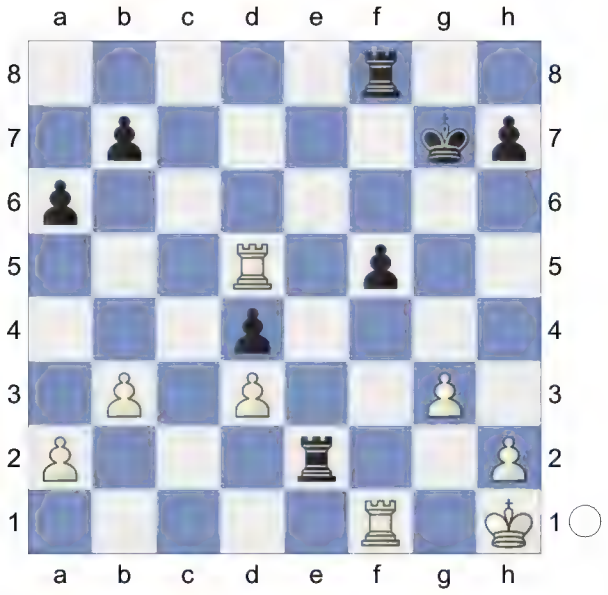
(Diagram)



21.Bxg7± Bxg2+ 22.Qxg2 Kxg7 23.Rxe5 Rbe8 24.Qe2 0.00/27 White is more active.

[24.Rd5± 0.67/20 Qc6 25.Rxd4 *(25.Rfxf5? Rxf5 26.h3 Rxd5-+)*]

24...Qd5+!= 25.Rxd5 Rxe2



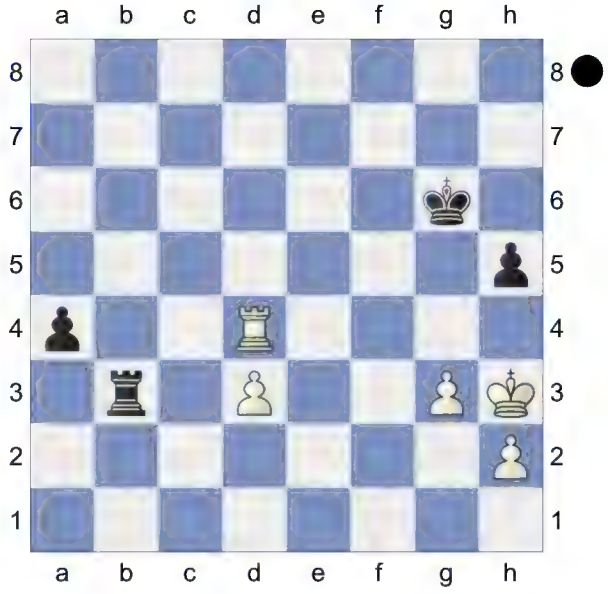
26.Rdxf5

[26.Rxd4 Rfe8±]

26...Rxf5 27.Rxf5 Rxa2 Endgame And now ...Rb2 would win. KR-KR **28.Rd5 Rb2 29.Rd7+ Kg6 30.Rxb7 h5**

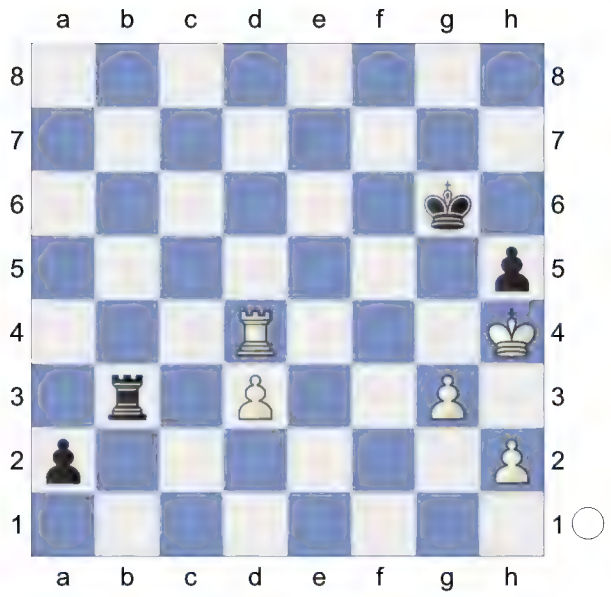
(Diagram)

31.Rb4 a5 32.Rxd4 Rxb3 33.Kg2 a4 34.Kh3

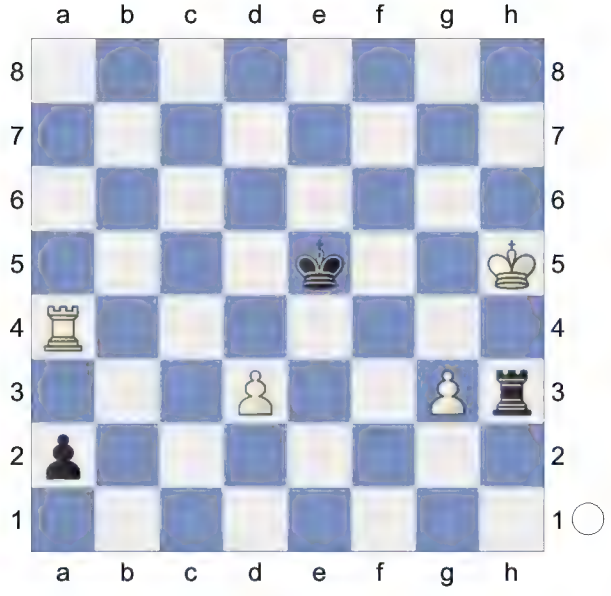


a3 35.Kh4 and Rd6+ should not be overlooked **35...a2**

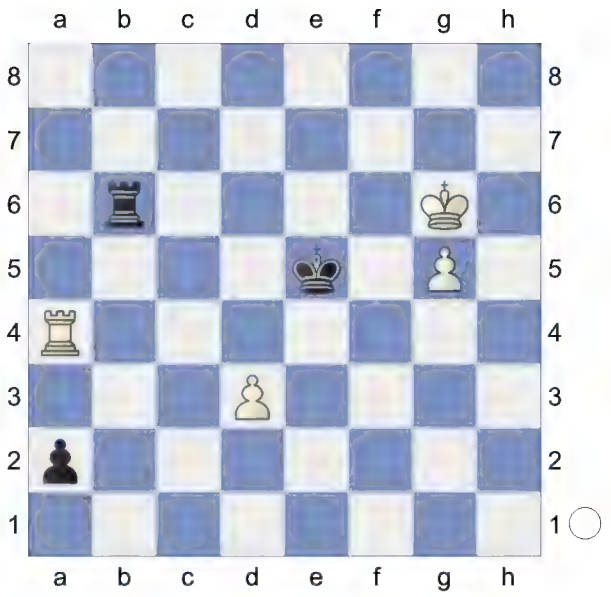
(Diagram)



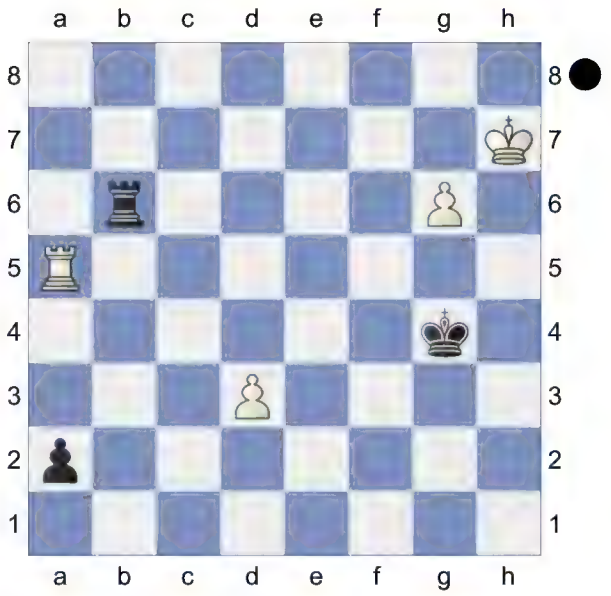
36.Rd6+!
[36.Ra4? Rb4+ *(36...Rxd3 37.Ra6+ Kf7 38.Rxa2=)* 37.Rxb4 a1Q *(37...a1B? 38.Rb6+ Kf7 39.Rb7+ Ke8-+)* 38.Rb6+ Kf7 39.Rb7+ Ke8-+]
36...Kf5 37.Ra6 Rb2 38.h3
[38.Kxh5? Rxh2#]
38...Rh2 39.Ra4
[39.Kxh5? Rxh3#]
39...Ke5 40.Kxh5 Rxh3+



41.Kg4 Rh2 42.Kg5 Rh3 43.g4
[43.Kg4!? Rh2□ 44.Kf3=]
43...Rh2 44.Kg6 Rb2 45.g5 Rb6+



46.Kh7 Kf5? 5.71/32
[46...Rb2= 0.02/26 and Black has nothing to worry.]
47.Ra5++-
[47.Rxa2 Kxg5 48.Rg2+ Kf5=]
47...Kg4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.24 (precise)
48.g6!
[Not 48.Rxa2 Kxg5 49.Rf2 Rb7+ 50.Kg8 Kh4=]



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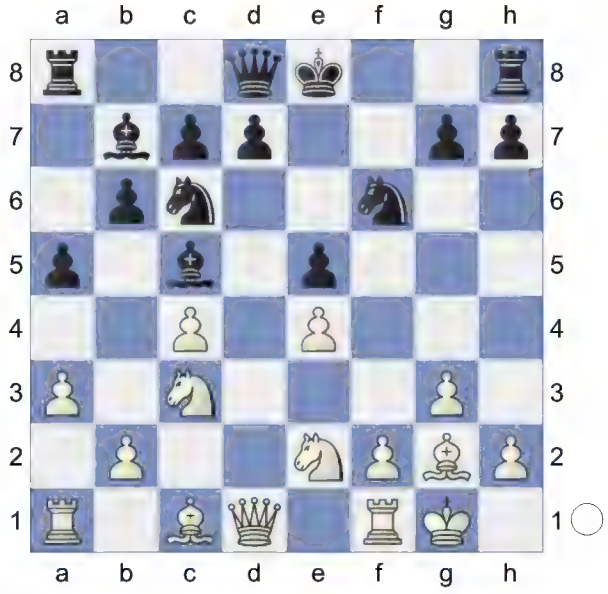
18 **A10**
□ **Dynamirock** **2932**
■ **Gmvallejo** **2938**
Blitz 30.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A10: English Opening: Unusual Replies for Black
1.c4 b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.e4 e6 4.g3 f5 5.Bg2 Nf6

6.d3 fxe4 7.a3N Dodges Bb4
[7.Nge2 Nc6 8.dxe4 *(8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 0-0 12.0-0 Qf6 13.Rad1 Rad8 14.Qc3 Na5 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.Qxf6 Rxf6 17.d4 Nd6 18.b3 Rf3 19.Kg2 Rdf8 20.Nf4 Rc3 21.Rc1 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Nf5* ½-½ Fisher,T (252) (2526)-Klibor,L (2574) Kobenhavn (m/3) 46/690 1988 (12)*)* 8...Bc5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Na4 Bd6 11.b3 Qe7 12.Bb2 e5 13.h3 Nd8 14.Qd3 Ne6 15.Rad1 Qf7 16.f4 exf4 17.e5 Bc5+ 18.Nxc5 Nxc5 19.Qd4 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Ne6 21.Qd3 Nh5 (42) Cekro,E (2393)-Bojkov,D (2514) Belgique 119/(2) 2013]

[7.Nxe4 Nxe4 8.dxe4 Qf6 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.Nf3 Bc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bf4 e5 13.Bd2 h6 14.Bc3 Rf7 15.Kh1 Qe6 16.Qd3 Raf8 17.Rad1 g5 18.b3 a5 19.Rd2 d6 20.h3 Rxf3 21.Bxf3 Qxh3+ 0-1 (34) Barreras,J (2468)-4.h3 Bg7 5.Nf3 de4 6.Ne (2480) Denpasar 33/145 1982 (4) 22.Kg1 Qxg3+ 23.Bg2 Qg4 24.Qe2 Qh4 25.Rd3 g4 26.Re3 Nd4 27.Bxd4 Bxd4 28.Rd1 Bxe3 29.Qxe3 Qf6 30.Qg3 h5 31.Rd3 Qg5 32.f3 Rf4 33.fxg4 Rxg4 34.Kh2 Kh7 0-1 Barreras,J (2468)-4.h3 ♗g7 5.♘f3 de4 6.♘e (2480) Denpasar 33/145 1982 (4)]

7...Nc6 8.dxe4 White is slightly better.
8...e5 9.Nge2 a5 10.0-0 Bc5



11.Nd5 h6 12.Be3 0-0 13.Bxc5 bxc5 14.Nxf6+ Rxf6 15.Qd5+ Kh8

(Diagram)

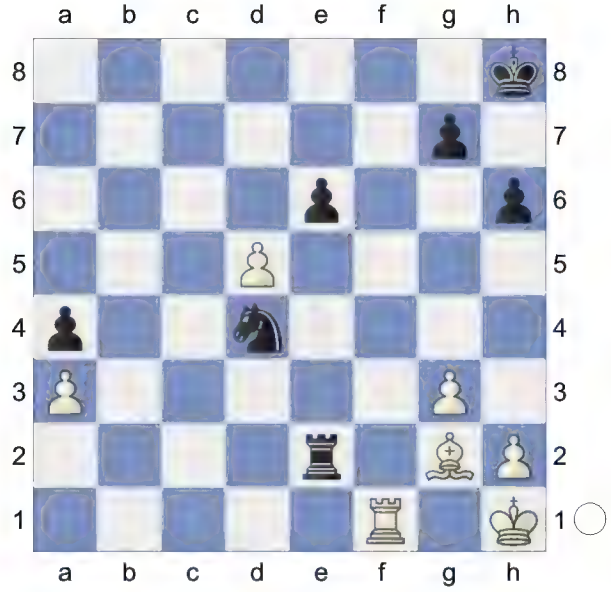
16.Qxc5 a4 17.Qe3 -0.25/20
[⌓17.Nc3 0.21/21]
17...Ba6= Black has compensation.
18.Rac1 -0.84/24
[White should play 18.f4∓ -0.31/20]
18...Rb8 -0.20/21
[Better is 18...Na5∓ -0.84/24 19.c5 Rb8]
19.Qd2 Qf8 20.f4
[20.Qxd7 Rxb2 21.Qd1 Qc5∓ *(21...Qxa3 22.Nc3-+)*]
20...Qc5+

21.Kh1! Rd6 22.Qc2 Qe3! 23.Nc3 -1.78/24
[23.Qxa4? Qxe2 24.Qxa6 Nd4-+ *(24...Rxb2 25.Qc8+ Kh7 26.Rg1-+)*]
[23.Rcd1∓ -0.50/24]
23...Bxc4?? 2.13/20
[23...Rd2-+ -1.78/24 24.Qxa4 Rxg2 *(24...Rbxb2 25.Nd1=)* 25.Kxg2 Rxb2+ 26.Rc2 Qxc3 27.Rxb2 Qxb2+ 28.Rf2 Qb7]
24.Nd5 Rxd5 25.exd5 0.52/19
[White has to play 25.Rfe1!+- 1.64/22 Qxe1+ *(25...Nd4? 26.Qxc4+-)* 26.Rxe1]
25...Bxf1±

26.Rxf1
[26.dxc6 Bxg2+ 27.Kxg2 d5∓ *(27...exf4 28.cxd7 f3+ 29.Kf1=)*]
26...Nd4 27.Qxc7 0.05/18
[27.Qg6!± 0.77/20 Hoping for Be4. Rb6 28.Qe8+ Kh7 29.Qxe5 *(29.Qxd7 Rxb2 30.fxe5 Qxe5=)* 29...Qxe5 30.fxe5]
27...Rxb2= and ...Qe2 should not be overlooked **28.Qxe5**
[28.fxe5? too greedy. Qe2 29.Qc8+ Kh7-+]
[28.Qxd7 seems wilder. Qe2 29.Qh3 exf4 30.Rxf4 Rb1+ 31.Bf1]

28...Qxe5 1.57/21
[28...Re2!= 0.12/21 keeps the balance.]
29.fxe5± Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **29...Re2?** 3.99/23
[29...g6 1.65/20 30.Bh3 Rb5]

30.e6!+- dxe6
[30...Nxe6 31.dxe6]



31.d6 Nf5 32.Rd1 Nxd6

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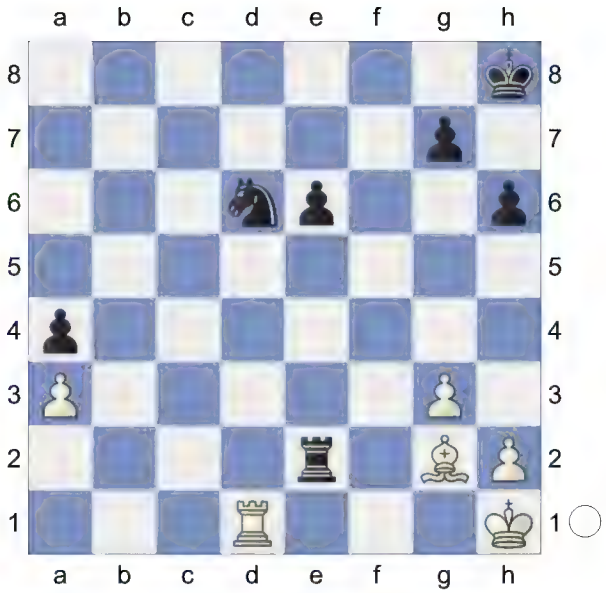
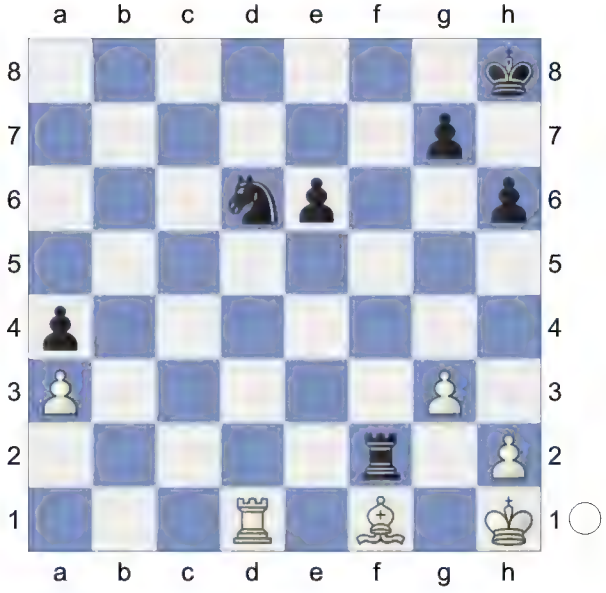
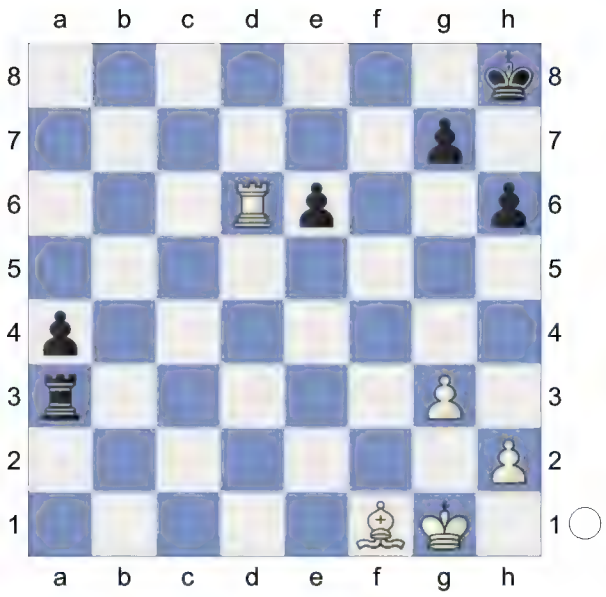


33.Bf1! Rf2



34.Kg1! Rf3 35.Rxd6 Rxa3

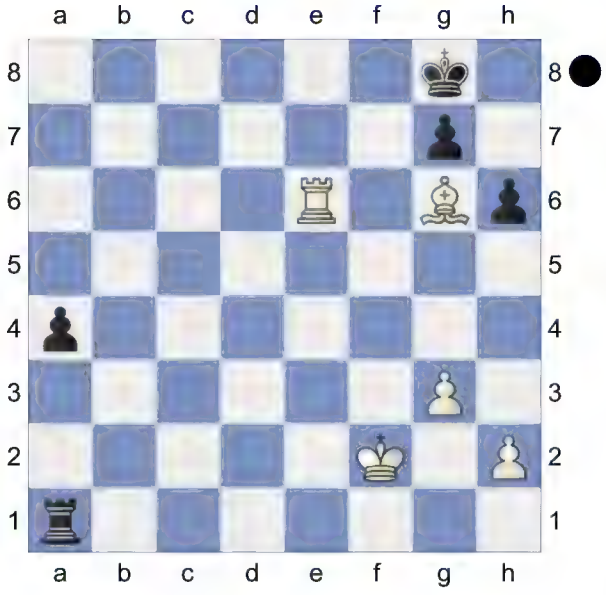
(Diagram)



36.Rxe6 Ra1 37.Kf2 Kh7 38.Bd3+ Kg8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.69

39.Bg6



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19 **A13**

□ **Herushkanamura** **2924**

■ **Mo Fanxue** **2722**

Blitz 18.04.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A10: English Opening: Unusual Replies for Black

1.c4 e6 2.g3 f5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.d3 0-0

6.e4

[6.f4 c6 7.e4 fxe4 8.dxe4 d5 9.e5 Nfd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Be3 Nb6 12.b3 Bb4 13.Nge2 Bg4 14.Bd2 Bc5 15.Qc1 N8d7 16.Be3 Be7 17.0-0 Nc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Nxe6 Bxe6 20.Ne2 Bg4 1-0 (42) Brunner, W (1256)-Helmer,A (1718) Niedersachsen-ch op-B 2014 (7)]

6...fxe4 7.dxe4 e5 8.Be3 -0.14/18 Repels Bc5

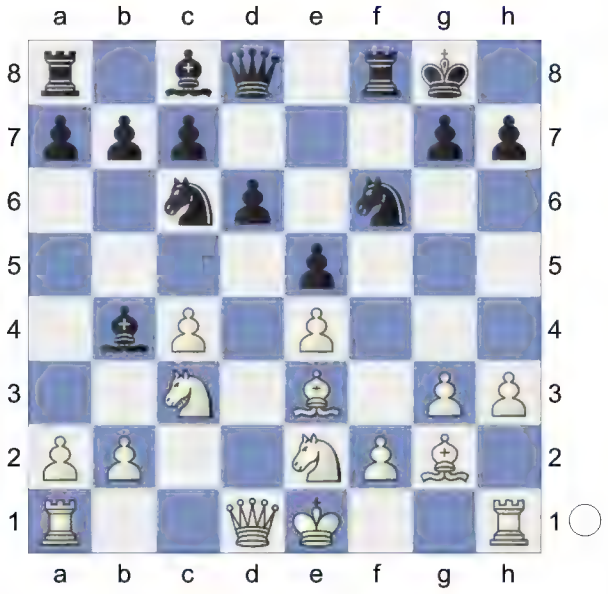
[8.Nge2± 0.32/19]

8...Nc6N 0.36/19

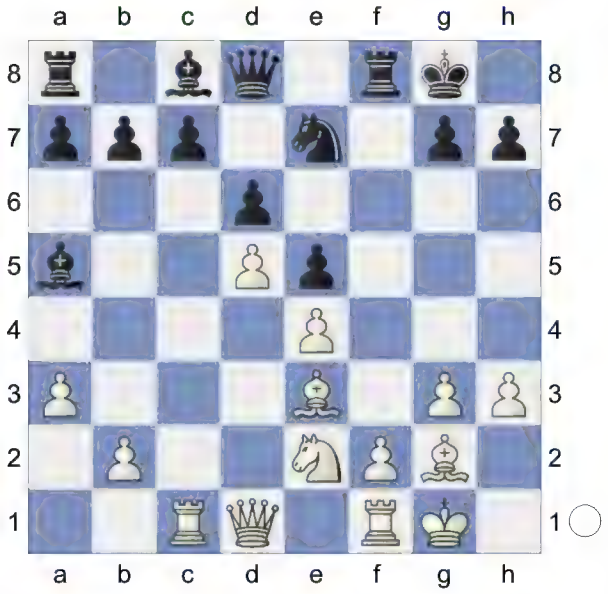
[8...Bb4!= -0.14/18]

[8...d6 9.h3 Qe8 10.Nd5 Bd8 11.Ne2 Qg6 12.Qc2 Nxd5 13.cxd5 c6 14.0-0 A 10/05 2000]

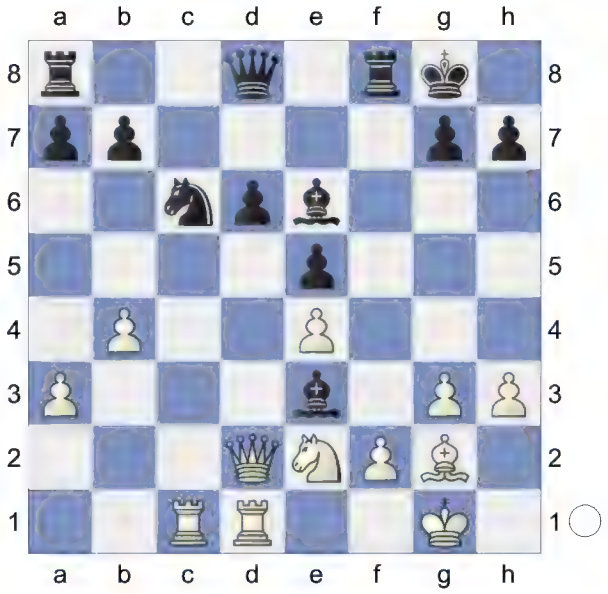
9.h3± Bb4 White is slightly better.
10.Nge2 d6



11.0-0 Qe8 0.93/18
[11...Be6± 0.42/19]
12.Nd5± Ba5 13.a3 White is more active. **13...Nxd5** 1.58/22
[⌓13...Ne7 1.08/18]
14.cxd5 0.79/19
[14.exd5 1.58/22 Nd8 15.b4]
14...Ne7 15.Rc1 Qd8 1.40/18
[Better is 15...Bd7 0.81/20]

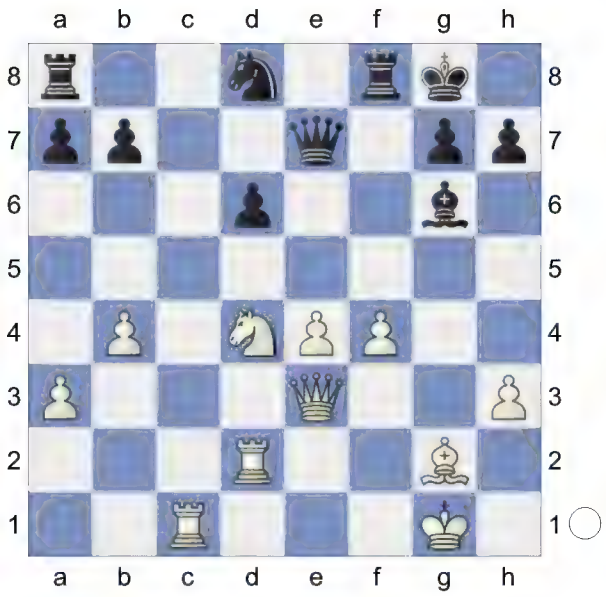


16.Qc2 0.91/19
[⌓16.f4 1.40/18]
16...c6 17.dxc6 Nxc6 1.25/18
[17...bxc6± 0.62/19 18.f4 Bb6]
18.Rfd1 0.48/19
[White should try 18.Qb3+± 1.25/18 Rf7 19.f4]
18...Be6!± 19.b4 Bb6 20.Qd2 Bxe3

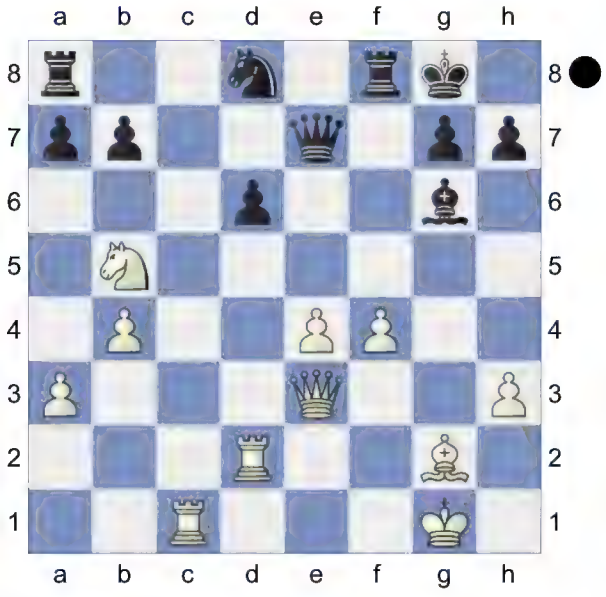


21.Qxe3 Qe7 22.Rd2 Nd8 0.89/19
[22...Rac8± 0.40/20]
White now steadily converts the win.
23.f4± exf4 1.27/20
[⌓23...g6 0.89/19]
24.gxf4 Bf7 1.67/17
[24...Kh8± 1.17/18 25.Qd4 Nf7]
25.Nd4+- Bg6

(Diagram)



Wards off Nf5 **26.Nb5**



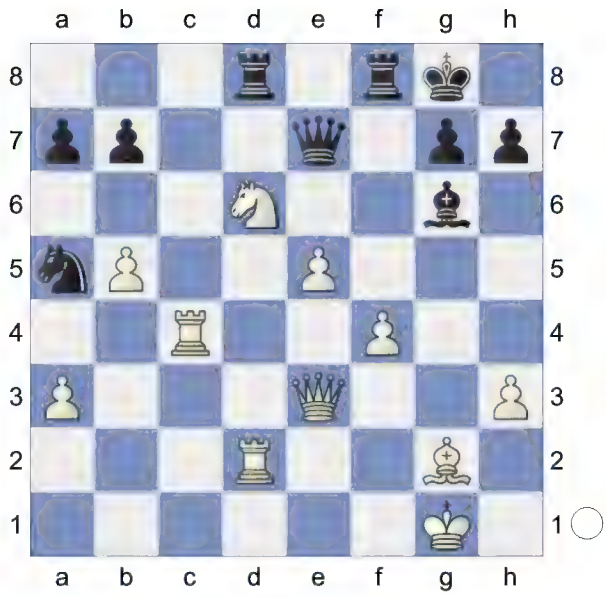
Discovered Attack, Double Attack

26...Nc6 3.16/19
[26...a5 1.76/17 was worth a try. 27.Nxd6 Nf7]

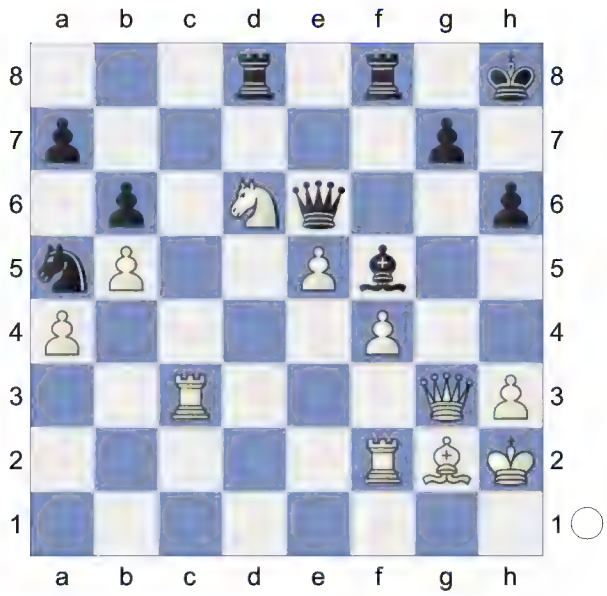
27.Nxd6 Rad8 28.e5 Qh4 29.Rc4
[Don't play 29.Nxb7 Rxd2 30.Qxd2 Ne7+-]

29...Qe7 30.b5 Na5

(Diagram)

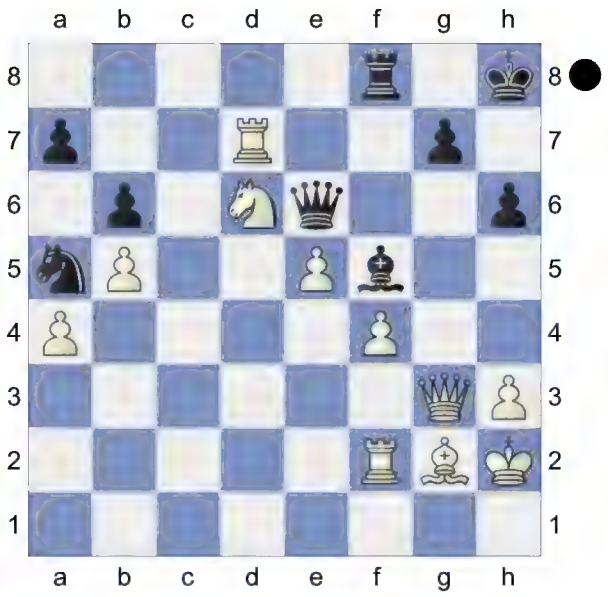


31.Rc3 b6 32.a4 Kh8 33.Rf2 Qe6 34.Kh2 h6 35.Qg3 Bf5 6.21/19
[⌓35...Rd7 4.40/18 36.Rd2 Bh7]



36.Rc7 Rd7 37.Rxd7

(Diagram)

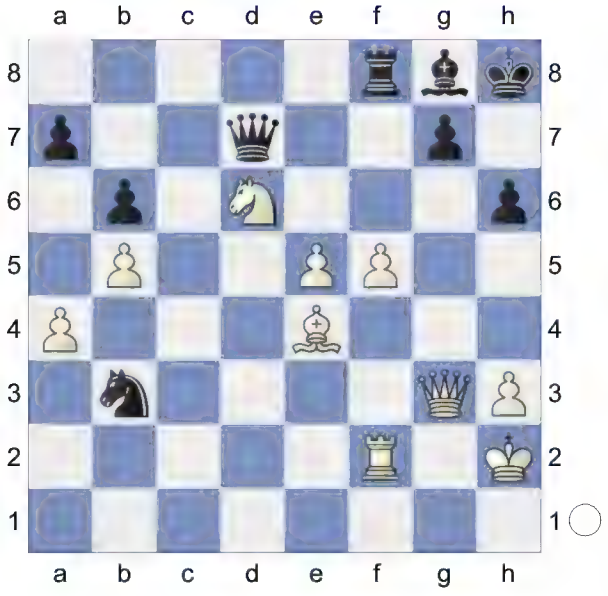


Overworked Piece **37...Qxd7** **38.Bd5** Inhibits Qe6. **38...Be6** **39.Be4** and f5 should not be overlooked **39...Nb3** 6.99/20

[⌓39...Bg8 4.17/18 40.f5 Nc4 41.Nxc4 Bxc4]

40.f5 Black is weak on the light squares

40...Bg8



41.e6 **Qe7** 6.48/18

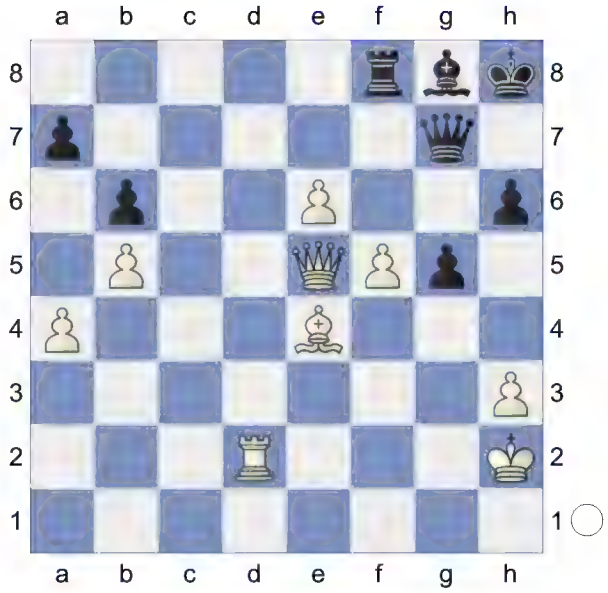
[41...Bxe6 3.85/18 42.fxe6 Rxf2+ 43.Kg1 *(43.Qxf2 Qxd6+ 44.Qg3 Qxe6+-)* 43...Qxe6 44.Kxf2 Nc5]

42.Qxb3 **Qxd6+** **43.Qg3** **Qe7** **44.Rd2** **g5?** 9.21/22

[44...Qf6 3.57/16 45.Bc6 Rd8]

45.Qe5+ White is clearly winning.

45...Qg7

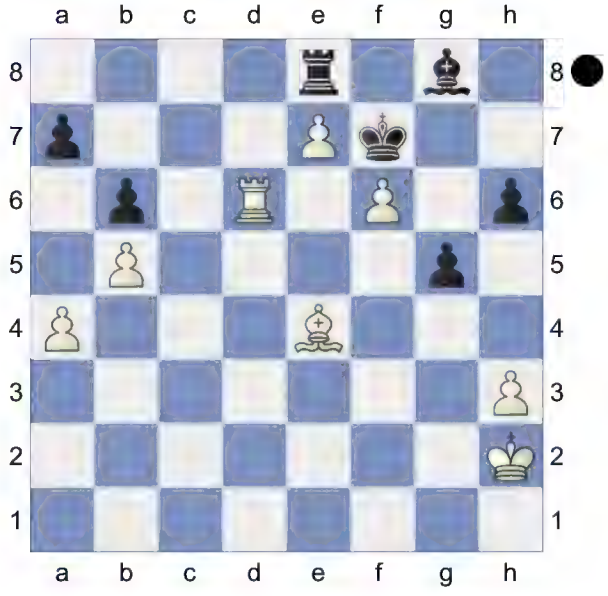


46.Qxg7+ **Kxg7** **47.e7** **Re8** **48.Rd6** **Kf7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.67

49.f6

[49.Rxh6 Kxe7 50.Kg3 Rd8±]



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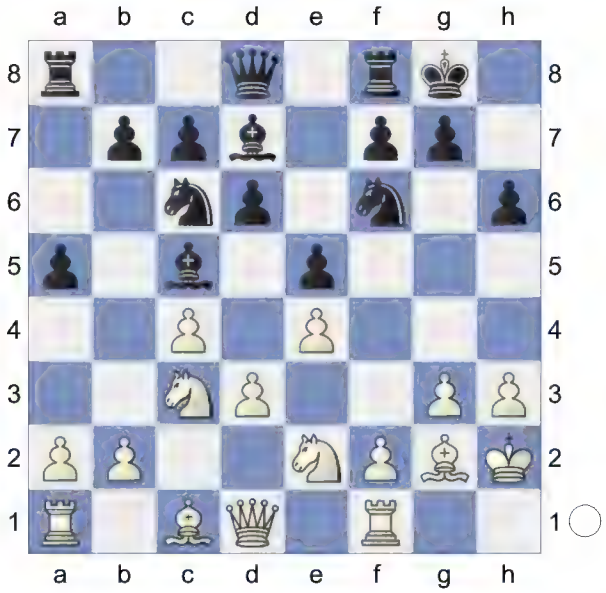
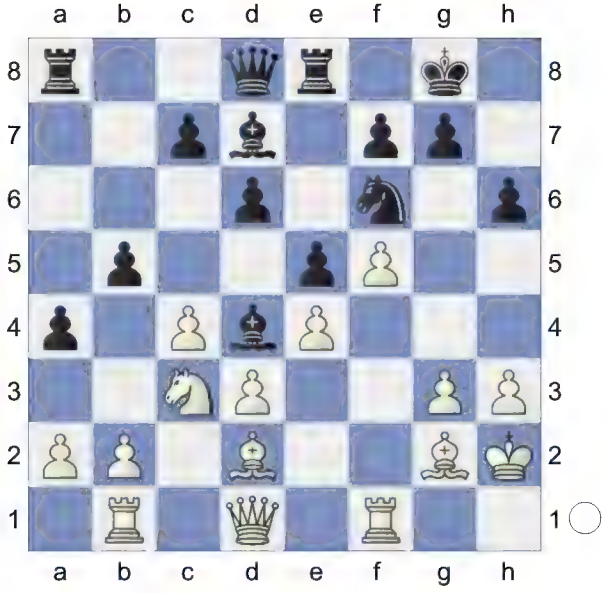
20 **A22**
□ **Variantstop** **2923**
■ **Africaata** **2906**
Rapid 24.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6
A22: Ouverture anglaise (avec 2...Cf6)
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e4 d6

6.d3
[6.Nge2 a6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3 Rb8 9.h3 b5 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 Ne7 12.d4 c6 13.a3 Ba5 14.b4 Bb6 15.Bb2 cxd5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Bxe5 Rb7 18.exd5 Rd7 19.Nf4 Bb7 20.Ra2 Bxd5 ½-½ (44) Harikrishna,P (2612)-L'Ami,E (2516) Monde (championnat junior) 2004 (9)]
6...Bc5N
[6...Nc6 7.Nge2 Bc5 8.0-0 Nd4 *(8...a6 9.h3 h6 10.Kh2 Nd4 11.f4)* 9.Rb1 a5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Qe1 c6 12.Be3 Re8 13.b3 Rb8 14.a3 Bd7 15.Bxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 c5 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 b5 19.cxb5 Rxb5 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Qd2 ½-½ (22) Bellmann,H (2474)-Windhausen,G (2510) corr Rochade-25/TT 2014 [1] Qb6 22.Rxb5 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2500)-Lopes,M (2125) corr RCCA 20/pr01 2013]
7.h3 Dodges Ng4 **7...Nc6 8.Nge2 h6 9.0-0 a5 10.Kh2 Bd7**

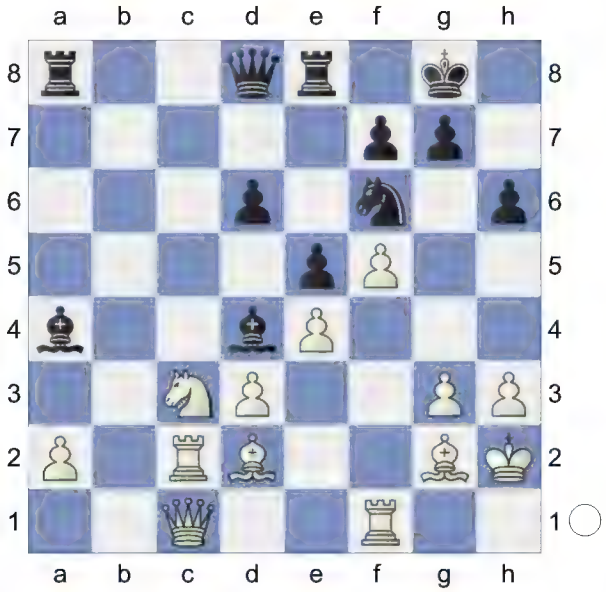


11.f4 Re8 12.Rb1 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.f5 a4 15.Bd2 b5



The position is equal. **16.cxb5 a3**
[16...Qb8 17.Nd5 Qd8 *(17...Qxb5? 18.Nxf6+ Kf8 19.Nxe8+-; 17...Nxd5 18.exd5 Qxb5 19.Qg4=)* 18.Nc3]

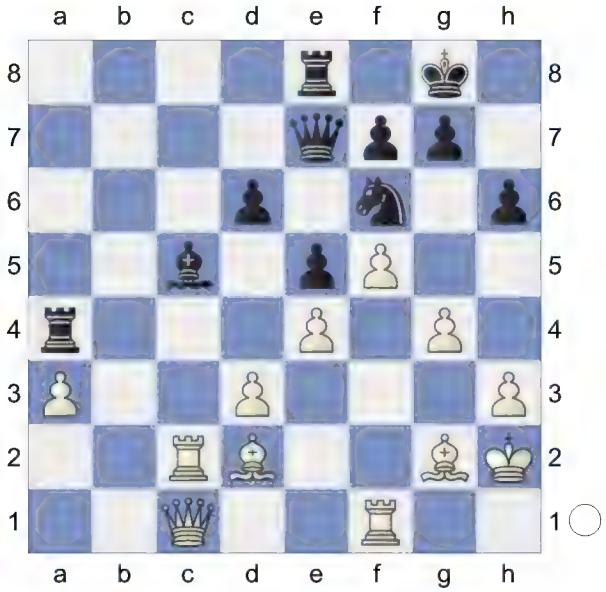
17.Qc1 axb2 18.Rxb2 c6 19.bxc6 Bxc6 20.Rc2 Ba4



21.Nxa4 Rxa4 22.g4 Qe7 23.Rc7 Qd8 24.Rc2

[24.g5 keeps more tension. hxg5 25.Bxg5 Rxa2 26.Qc4]

24...Qe7 25.a3 Bc5



26.Bf3 Rea8

[26...Rxa3? too greedy. 27.Rxc5 Rxd3 28.Rc2+-]

27.Bb4 Bxb4 28.axb4 Rxb4 29.g5 hxg5 30.Qxg5

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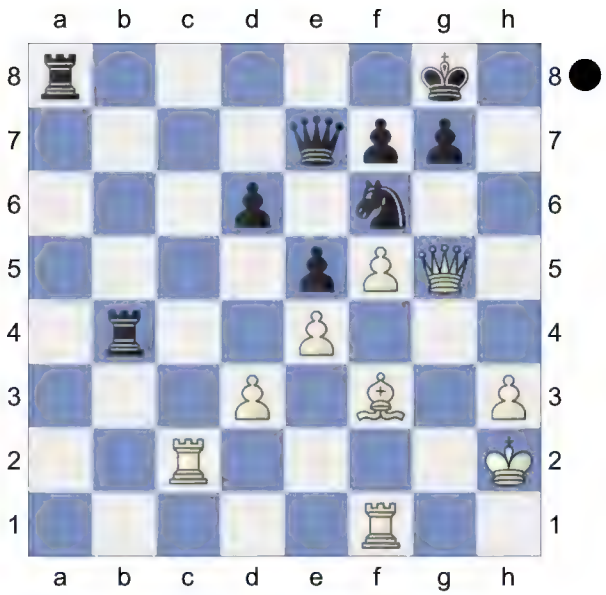
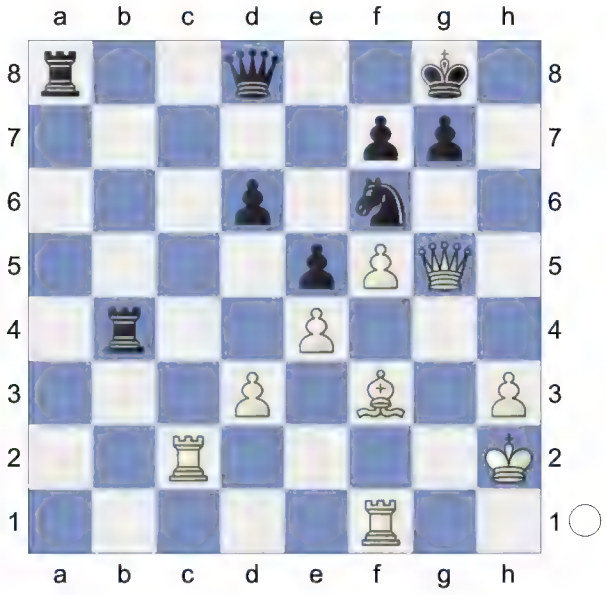


Qd8

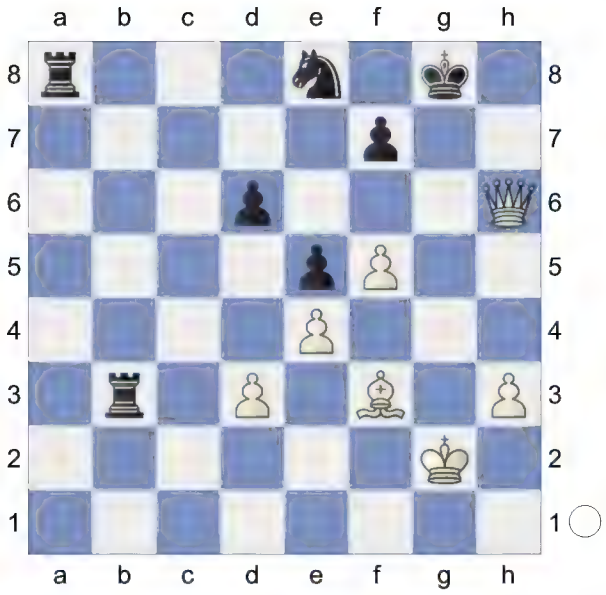


31.Rg1 Ne8 32.Qh6 Prevents Qxg5.

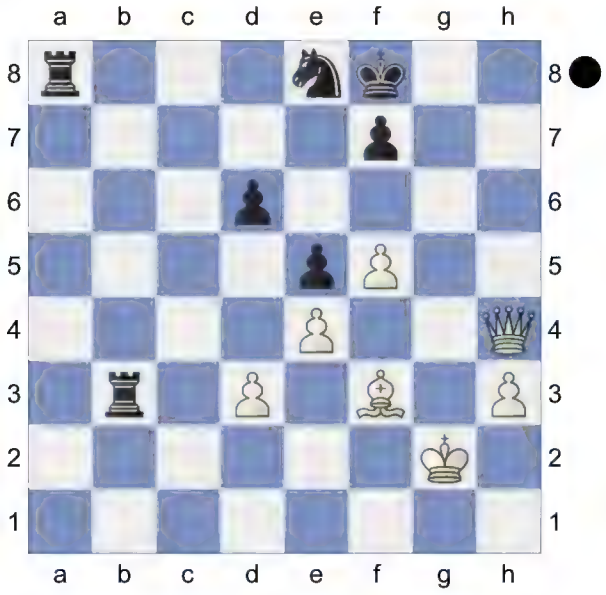
[32.h4 simplifies Rab8 33.Qxd8 Rxd8 34.Rgc1]

32...Qf6 33.Rxg7+ Qxg7 34.Rg2 Qxg2+ 35.Kxg2 Rb3

(Diagram)



36.Qg5+ Kf8! 37.Qh4



Ra2+ 38.Kg3 Rxd3 ...Raa3 is the strong threat. **39.f6 Nxf6 40.Qxf6** and Kh4 would now be decisive **40...Raa3!**

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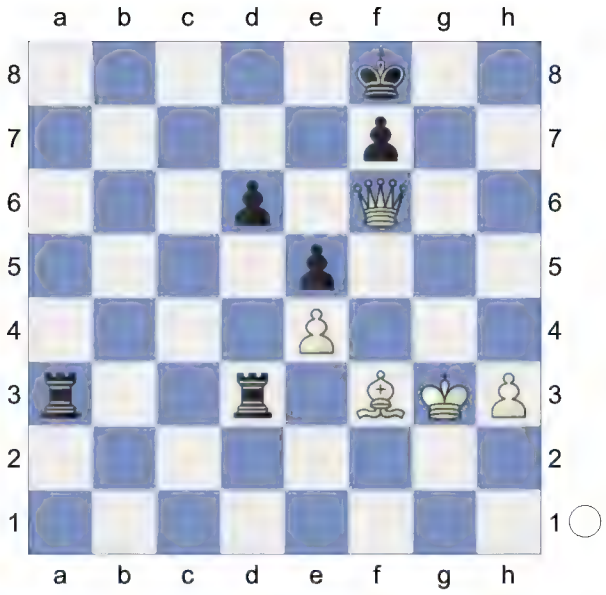
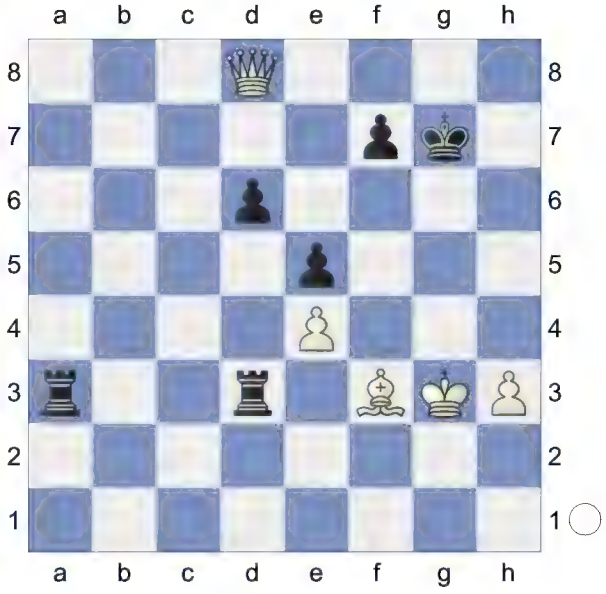


41.Qd8+ Kg7 42.Qg5+ Kh7 43.Qf5+ Kg7 44.Qg5+ Kf8 45.Qd8+ Kg7



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46.Qg5+

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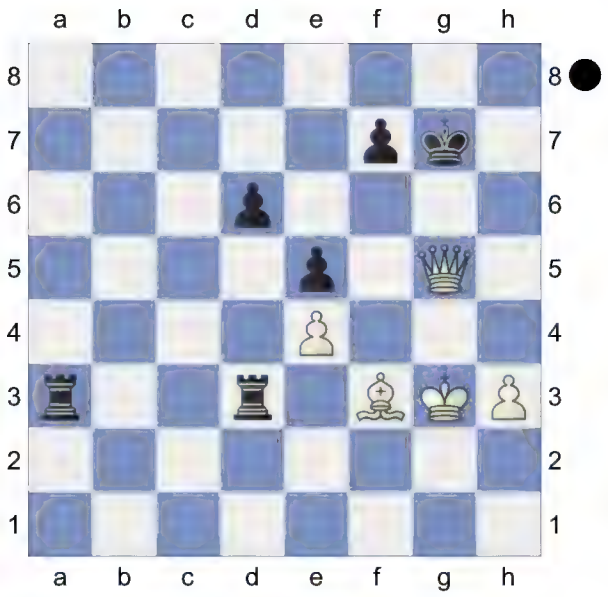


½-½

21 **A20**
□ **Fruity23** **2921**
■ **Mayhem23111** **2929**
Blitz 09.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A25: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 but without early d3

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.d3 Nc6N

[4...c6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 a5 8.h3 h6 9.b3 d5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bb2 d4 12.Na4 Bd6 13.e3 dxe3 14.fxe3 Nc6 15.Nd2 Ra6 16.Qe2 Be7 17.Ne4 Nd5 18.g4 b6 19.Rac1 ½-½ (122) Liu,Y (2532)-Xu,Z (2504) CHN-ch Xinghua 2022 (5)]

[4...0-0 5.Nc3 h6 6.Nf3 Re8 7.0-0 d6 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 c6 10.b3 a5 11.Bb2 Na6 12.Qd2 Qe7 13.Rad1 Bd7 14.h3 Bb6 15.e4 Nc5 16.Rfe1 Rad8 17.Kh2 Bc8 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 0-1 (55) Winter (2791)-Molina, R (2863) 6.♘c3 1994 (2.16)]

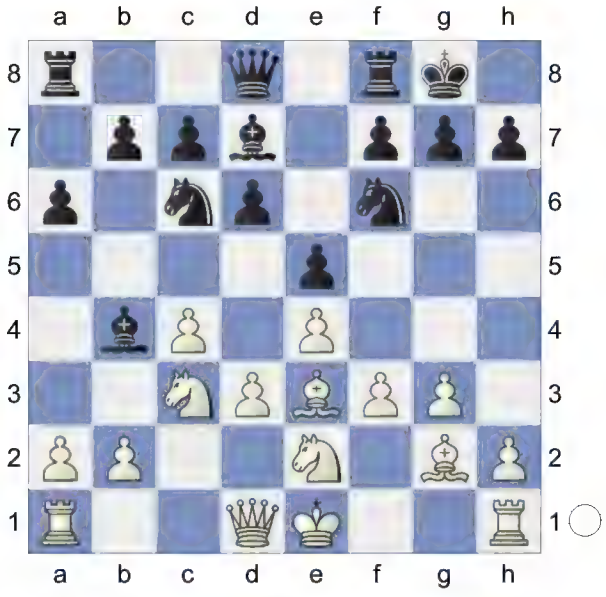
[4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nc3 Nb6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 a5 10.Na4 Nxa4 11.Qxa4 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Bd2 c6 14.e3 Bb6 15.Bc3 Re8 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.Rac1 h6 18.h3 Rb8 19.Rd2 0-1 (42) Ding,L (2730)-Wang,Y (2711) Shenzhen Celebrity 4th rapid 2014 (4) Bc7 20.d4 c5 21.Qc2 exd4 22.exd4 c4 23.a4 Bd6 24.Rdd1 b6 25.Re1 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qc7 27.h4 Re8 28.Bd5 Rxe1+ 29.Bxe1 Be6 30.Bxe6 fxe6 31.Qe4 Kf7 32.Bc3 Bf8 33.d5 Qd6 34.dxe6+ 1-0 (42) Winter (2811)-Ernst, H (2759) ASEAN-ch U08 2nd 2001 (38.1)]

5.Nc3 0-0

6.e3 Bb4 7.e4 d6 8.Nge2 Bg4

(Diagram)

9.f3 Bd7 10.Be3 a6



11.0-0 Rb8 12.Qd2 b5 13.a3 Bc5 14.b4 Bxe3+ 15.Qxe3 Be6

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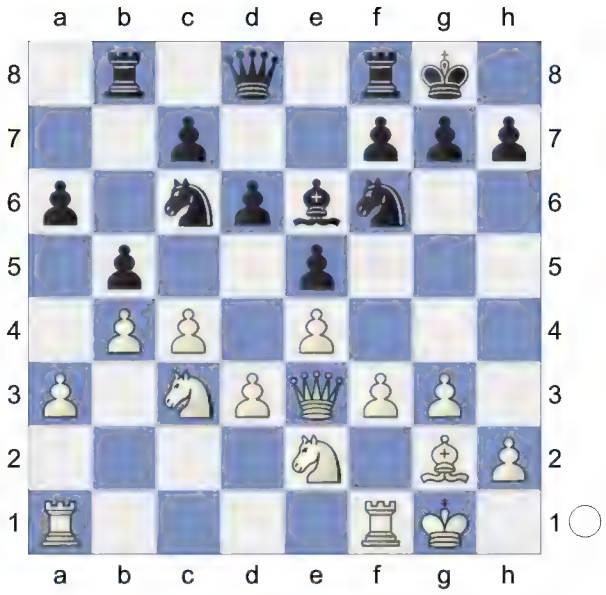
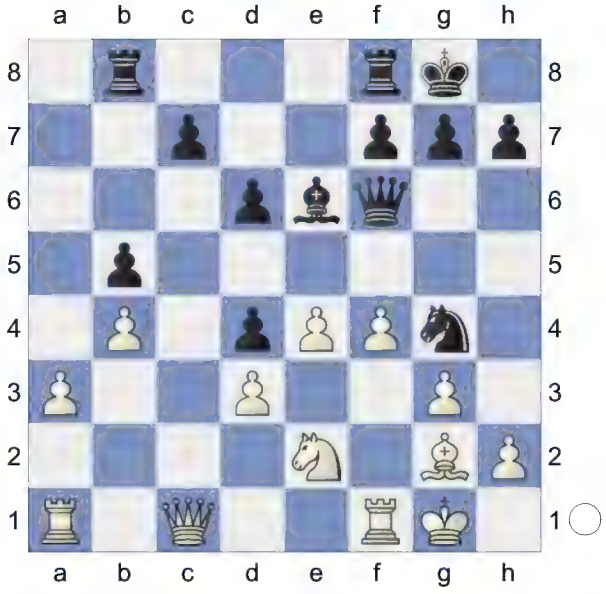
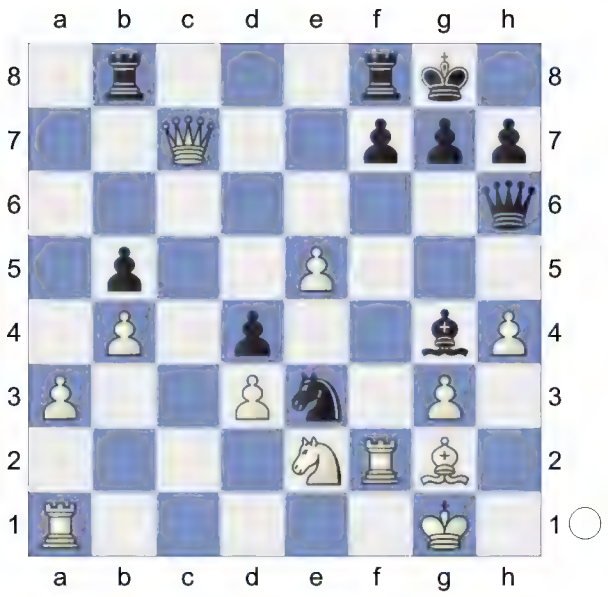


16.cxb5 axb5 17.f4 Ng4 18.Qc1 Nd4 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Ne2 Qf6



21.Qxc7 aiming for Rfc1!. **21...Ne3 22.Rf2 Bg4 23.e5 dxe5 24.fxe5** The position is equal. **24...Qg5 25.h4 Qh6**

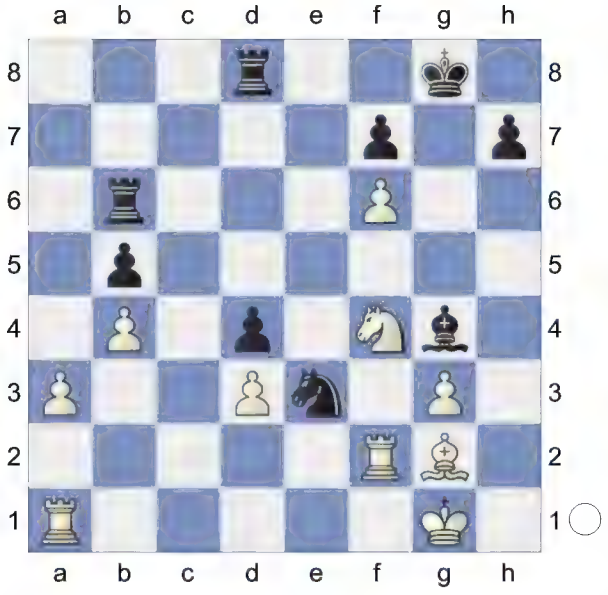
(Diagram)



26.Nf4

[26.Nxd4 is interesting. Nxg2 27.Kxg2 Qe3 28.Nc6]

26...g5 27.hxg5 Qxg5 28.Qd6 Rfd8 29.Qf6 Qxf6 30.exf6 Rb6



31.a4 bxa4 32.Rxa4 Bd7 33.Ra1 Rxb4 34.Rfa2 Rdb8 35.Nd5 Nxd5

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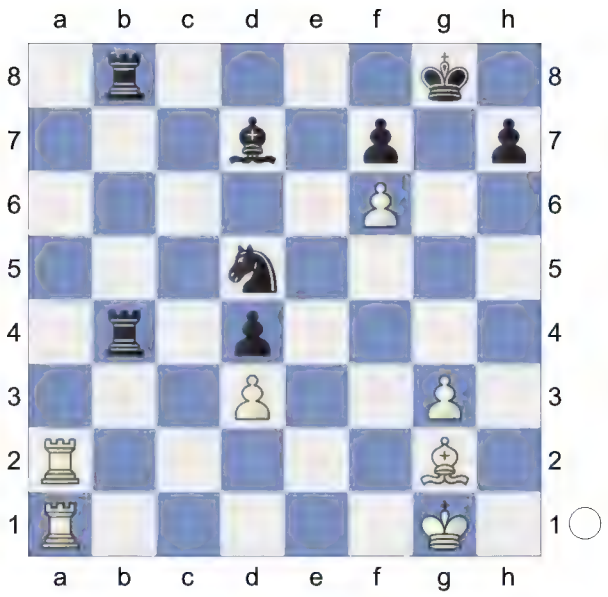
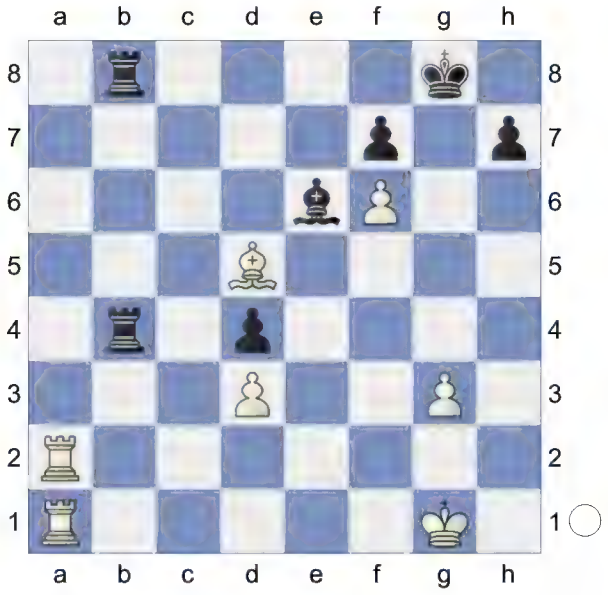


36.Bxd5 Be6



Strongly threatening ...Rb1+. **37.Bxe6 fxe6=** KRR-KRR **38.g4 Kf7 39.g5 Kg6 40.Rg2 Rb1+**

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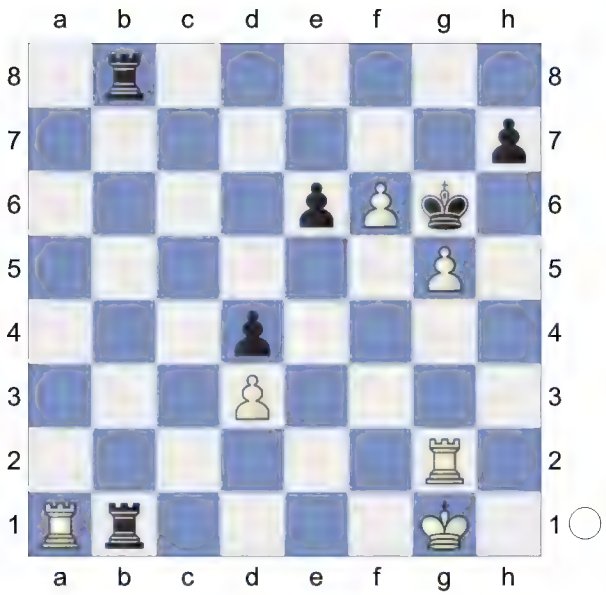

41.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 42.Kf2 An even fight not without its subleties.
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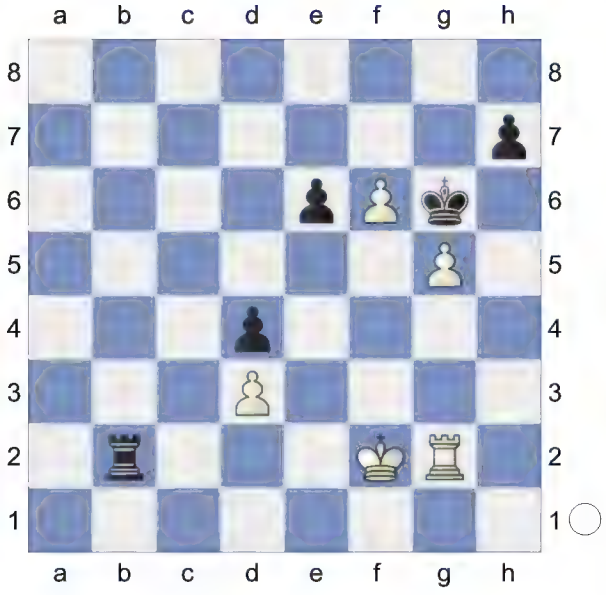
42...Rb2+



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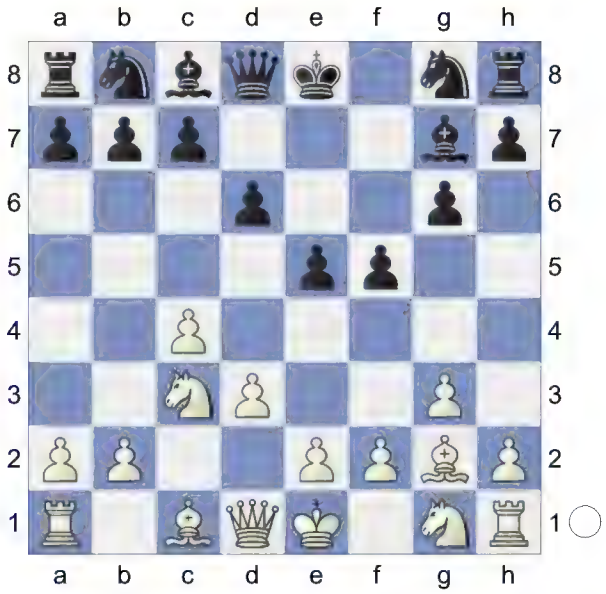
22 **A21**
□ **Herushkanamura** **2920**
■ **Midnight Chess** **2726**
Blitz 30.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 d6 5.d3 f5



6.e4 Nc6 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.Nd5 0-0 9.Bg5
[9.0-0 simplifies Nxd5 10.cxd5 Ne7 11.Be3]
9...Ne7
[9...Be6 10.Qd2 Qd7 11.0-0 Nh5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.b4 Rae8 14.b5 Nd8 15.Bxd8 Rxd8 16.Nb4 Rb8 17.Qe3 Bh3 18.Rab1 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 c6 20.Qxa7 cxb5 21.cxb5 Qxb5 22.Qe3 Rbc8 23.Rfc1 Nf6 24.Nc3 ;-; (64) Morozov,Y (2628)-3. ♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 de 5. ♘e5 (2579) Beer-Sheva 54/469 1992 (4.3)]
10.Nxf6+N
[10.0-0 c6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bxf6 Rxf6 13.d4 Be6 14.d5 Bf7 15.Qd2

fxe4 16.Nc3 cxd5 17.cxd5 Be8 18.Nxe4 Rf8 19.Rac1 Bb5 20.Rfe1 Nf5 21.Ng5 Qb6 22.Ne6 Rf7 23.Be4 Nd4 24.Nxd4 exd4 1-0 (37) Cela,A (2483)-Krush,I (2411) Smartchess.com 2nd 2001 (6) 25.Rcd1 Raf8 26.f4 Re7 27.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 28.Rxd4 Rfe8 29.Kf2 Bd7 30.Kf3 h5 31.Ke3 Bf5 32.Kd3 Kg7 33.a4 b6 34.Rc4 Kf6 35.h4 Kg7 36.Re3 a5 37.Re1 Kf6 ½-½ Cekro,E (2419)-Bogut,Z (2403) BIH-chT Neum 2002 (8.3)]

10...Bxf6

White has an edge. **11.Bxf6 Rxf6**

12.Qd2 Nc6 0.58/19

[12...fxe4= 0.19/17 is more appropriate. 13.dxe4 Rf7]

13.0-0 0.21/20

[13.exf5± 0.58/19 Bxf5 14.b4]

13...fxe4= 14.dxe4 -0.10/22

[14.d4± 0.32/20]

14...Bg4 15.f3 Be6

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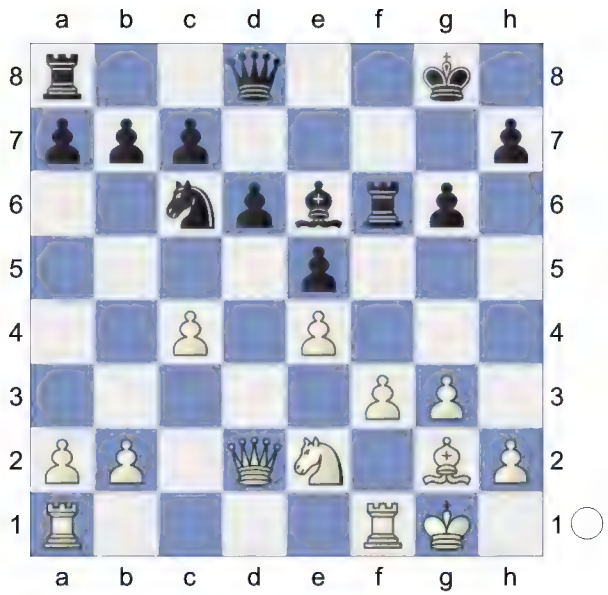
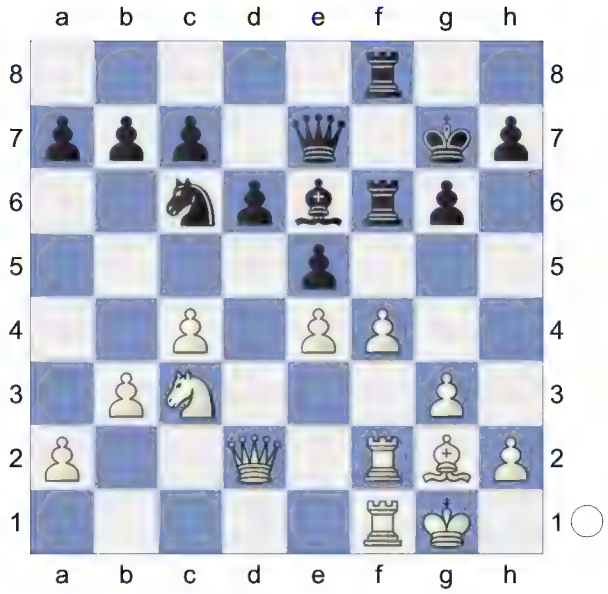


16.b3 Qe7 17.Rf2 Raf8 18.Raf1 Kg7 19.f4 Bg4 0.78/23

[19...Qd7= 0.09/21]

20.Nc3± Be6



21.Ne2 0.06/20

[White should try 21.f5!± 0.72/21 gxf5 22.Qg5+ Rg6 23.Qxe7+ Nxe7 24.Nb5 *(24.exf5 Nxf5 25.Nb5 Rf7=)*]

21...Bg4 0.73/20

[21...Qd7= 0.06/20]

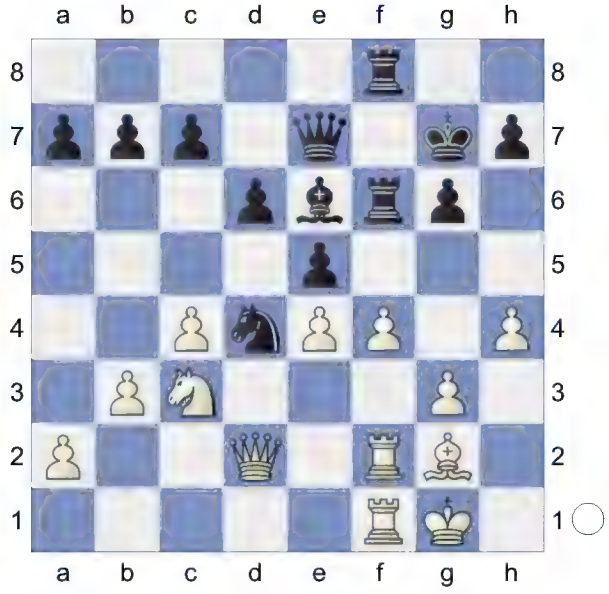
22.Nc3 Strongly threatening Nd5.

22...Be6 23.h4 -0.18/19

[23.f5!± 0.76/20 gxf5 24.Qg5+ Rg6 25.Qxe7+ Nxe7 26.Nb5 *(26.exf5 Nxf5 27.Bd5 Bc8=)*]

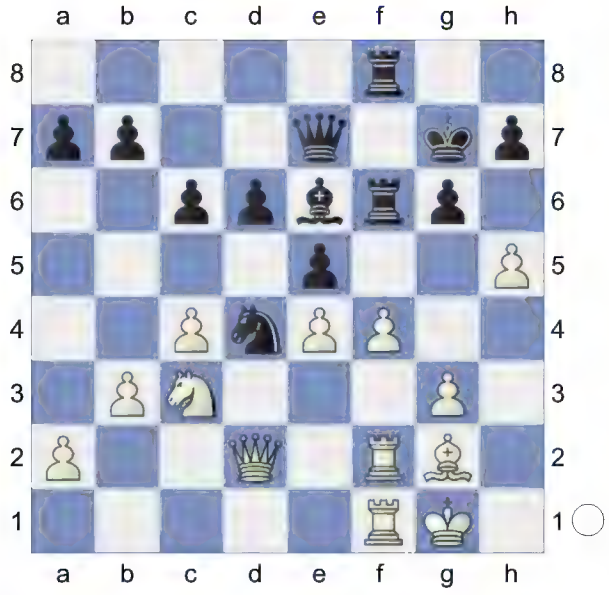
23...Nd4 0.64/22

[23...exf4= -0.18/19 24.gxf4 R6f7]



24.h5 -0.03/19 **c6** 0.45/22

[24...gxh5= -0.03/19 25.f5 Bf7]



25.h6+!± Kg8!

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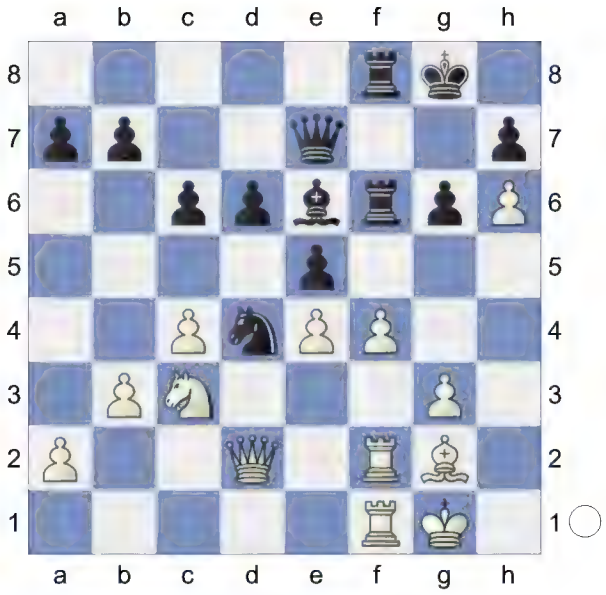

26.fxe5 -0.69/21

[26.f5!± 0.43/21 Bd7 *(26...gxf5 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.exf5±)* 27.Qg5]

26...dxe5 0.00/26

[26...Rxf2∓ -0.69/21 27.Rxf2 Rxf2 *(27...dxe5 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.Ne2∓)* 28.Qxd4 Rc2 29.exd6 Qf8]

27.Qg5= Qc5! 28.b4 Rxf2! 29.bxc5 Rxf1+ 30.Kh2! Chess con chili.

30...R1f2

[30...R8f2!? 31.Qd8+□ Kf7 32.Qc7+ Kf8 33.Qb8+ *(33.Qg7+ Ke8=)* 33...Ke7 34.Qc7+ Ke8 35.Qb8+ Ke7=]

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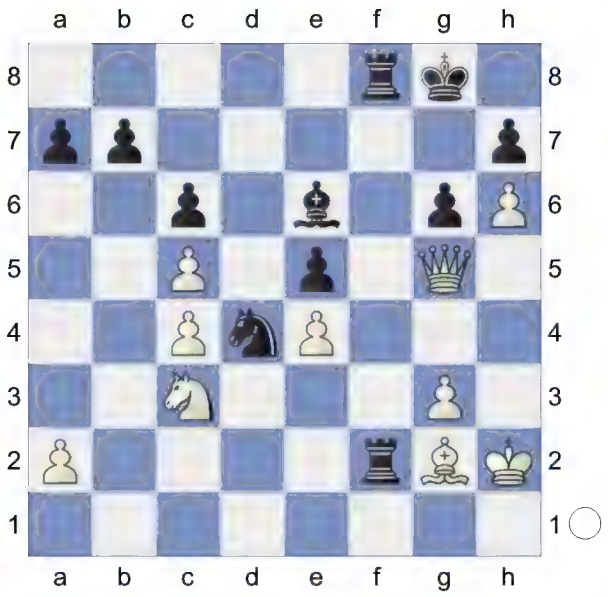
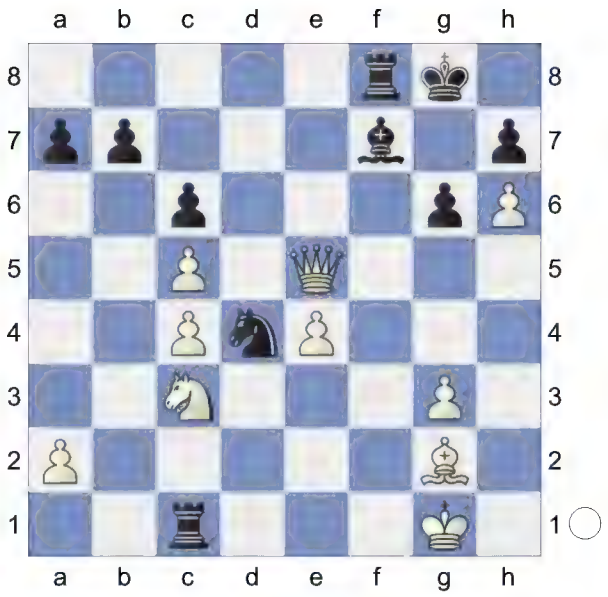
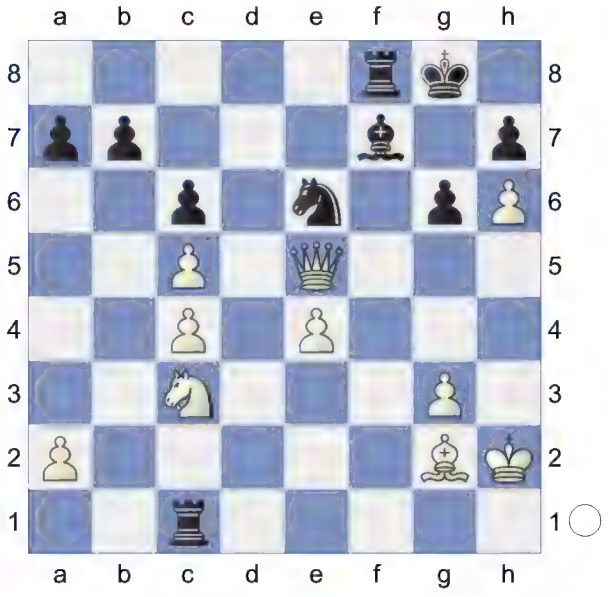


aiming for ...Nf3+. **31.Qe7! R2f7** 0.73/28
[31...Bxc4 32.Qg7#]
[31...R8f7!= 0.00/23 32.Qd8+ Rf8]
32.Qd6→ White has some attack.
32...Rf2 1.12/24
[32...Bc8± 0.66/22]
33.Qc7 0.00/21
[33.Kh1± 1.12/24 Rc2 *(33...Bxc4? 34.Qxe5 Ne6 35.Nd5+-)* 34.Nd5 *(34.Qxe5 Rf1+ 35.Bxf1 Rh2+* Decoy *36.Kxh2 Nf3+ 37.Kg2 Nxe5∓)* 34...cxd5 35.Qc7]
33...Bf7? 4.34/20
[33...Bxc4 34.Qg7#]
[33...Nf3+? 34.Kh1 Bf7 *(34...Bxc4 35.Qg7#; 34...Rf7? 35.Qd8+ Rf8 36.Qe7+-)* 35.Bxf3+- *(35.Qxb7 Nd4±; 35.Nd1 Rxg2 36.Kxg2 Ne1+ 37.Kf2 Nd3+ 38.Ke3 Nxc5+-)*]
[33...R8f7!= 0.00/21 34.Qb8+ Rf8 35.Qxb7 R2f7 *(35...Bxc4 36.Qg7#)*]
34.Kg1+- Rc2 7.78/22
[Not 34...Bxc4 35.Qg7#]
[⌓34...Rf6 4.79/18 35.Qxe5 Be6 36.Qxd4 R6f7]
35.Qxe5 Rc1+

(Diagram)



36.Kh2 Ne6



37.Nd5! cxd5
[37...Rd8 38.Nc7]
38.exd5 Re1 39.Qxe1 Nd4 40.Qe5 Nf5

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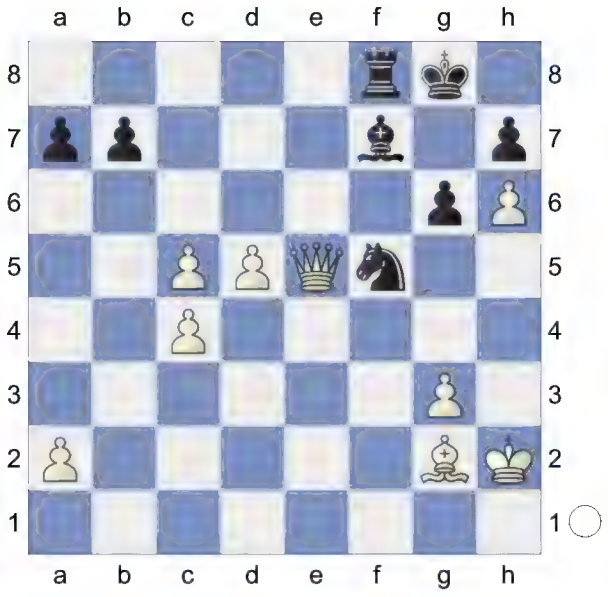
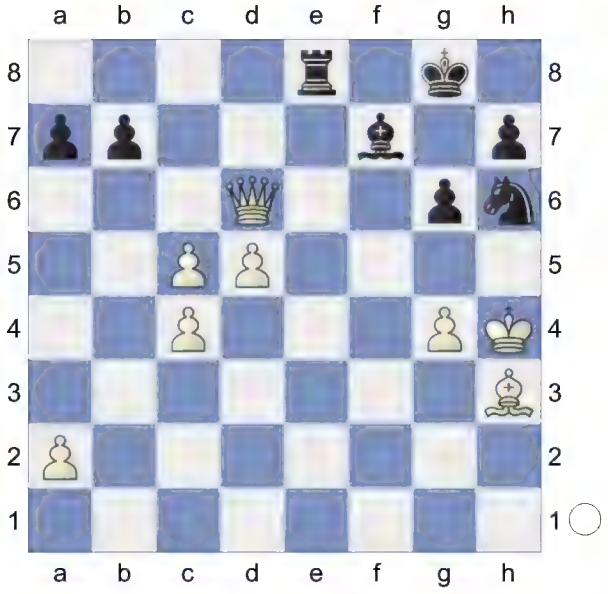


Repels Qg7+ **41.g4 Nxh6 42.Bh3 Re8 43.Qd6 Re2+ 44.Kg3 Re3+ 45.Kh4 Re8**



46.Qb8?? -7.20/19 **Rxb8-+ 47.d6 Be6 48.d7 Bxd7 49.c6 Bxc6 50.g5 Nf7**

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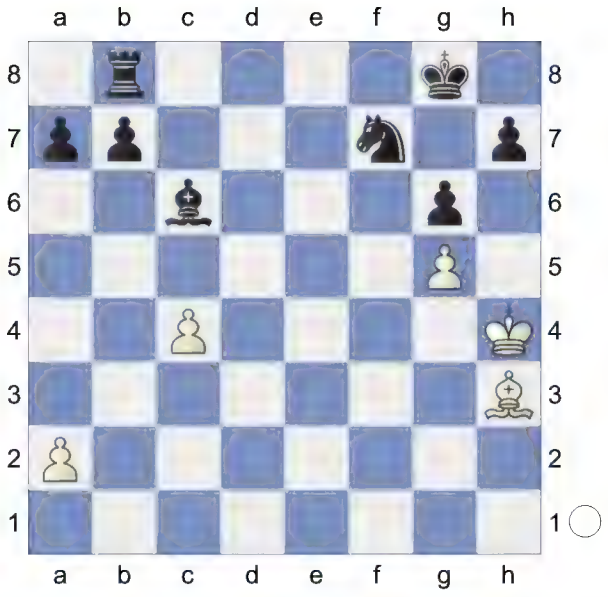

51.Bg4 Ne5 52.Be6+ Kg7 53.Bf7 Rd8 54.Bd5 Bxd5 55.c5 Bc4 -18.09/24

[⌓55...Rf8 -#6/21 56.Kg3 Rf3+ *(56...Bxa2* is a self mate. *57.Kh2 Be6 58.c6 Rf2+ 59.Kg3 Rf3+ 60.Kh2 Bh3 61.Kg1 Ng4 62.cxb7 Rf1#)* 57.Kh2 Ng4+ *(57...Bxa2 58.c6 Ng4+ 59.Kg2 Bd5 60.c7 Rd3+ 61.Kf1 Bf3 62.c8Q Rd1#)* 58.Kg1 Rd3 *(58...Bxa2 59.Kg2 Bd5 60.Kg1 Rd3 61.Kf1 Bf3 62.Kg1 Rd1#; 58...Rg3+ 59.Kf1 Rg2 60.Ke1 Ne3 61.a4 Bc4 62.a5 Re2#)* 59.Kf1 Bf3 60.Kg1 Rd1#]

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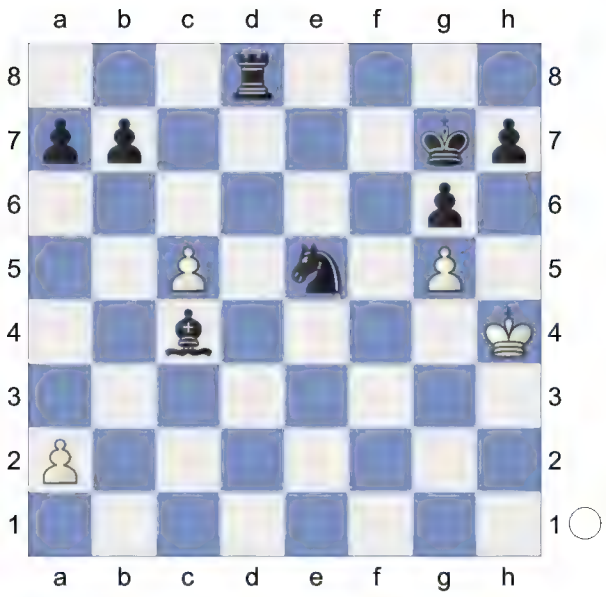

What a bad dream for White.
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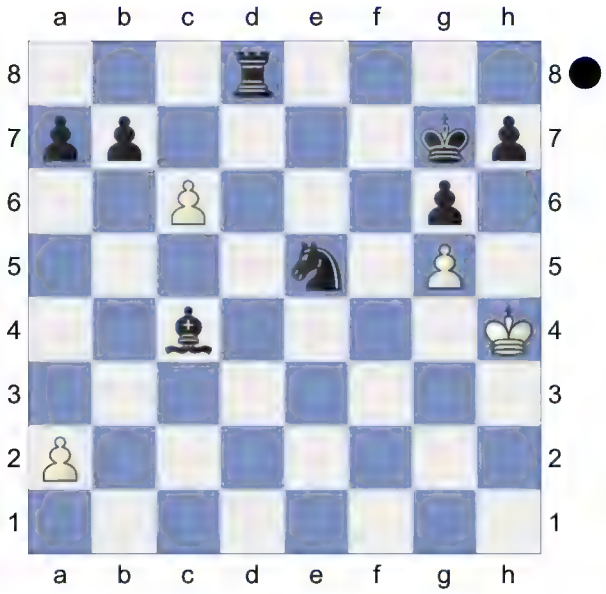
56.c6



Loss on time!?
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23 **A25**
□ **Cutemouse83** **2919**
■ **Snayperchess** **2718**
Blitz 22.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
Osnos,V: 'Inf 8/38' **1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 e5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3**
[5.Rb1 f5 6.d3 a5 7.e3 Nf6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.b3 Ne7 10.0-0 c6 11.d4 e4 12.d5 cxd5 13.cxd5 d6 14.a4 Nd7 15.f3 exf3 16.Bxf3 Nc5 17.Nb5 Kh8 18.Nf4 Ng8 19.Ba3 Re8 1-0 (35) Winants,L (2520)-Rotstein,A (2465) Hoogovens op 1993 (9) 20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.Re1 Nf6 22.d6 Ne4 23.Qc2 Rb8 24.Rbd1 Bd7 25.Nc7 Re5 26.Nd3 Qg5 27.Nxe5 Bxe5 28.Nd5 Bc6 29.Bxe4 fxe4 30.Nf4 b6 31.Qc4 Qf6 32.d7 Rd8 33.Rf1 Rxd7 34.Rxd7 Bxd7 1-0 Steiner,H-Ermakov,V Hamb Hamburgo 1905 (9)]
5...f5

6.e4N exf5 is the strong threat.
[6.Bd2 d6 7.Rb1 a5 8.a3 Nf6 9.b4

axb4 10.axb4 0-0 11.Qc1 Ne7 12.Nh3 c6 13.0-0 d5 14.c5 d4 15.Nd1 Nfd5 16.e4 dxe3 17.fxe3 Nc7 18.Nb2 h6 19.Nf2 Be6 20.Nc4 Nb5 0-1 (30) Gassenmann,K-Poisoned A5 Pawn corr 35/316 1982 21.Kh1 Kh7 22.Nb6 Ra2 23.Ra1 Rxa1 24.Qxa1 f4 25.exf4 exf4 26.Qe1 fxg3 27.hxg3 Nf5 28.Qxe6 Nbd4 29.Qe1 Nxg3+ 30.Kh2 Qh4+ 0-1 Filep,T-Osnos,V 8/38 Debrecen 1969]

6...fxe4 7.dxe4 d6 8.Nge2 White is slightly better. **8...Bg4 9.h3 Be6 10.b3 Qd7**

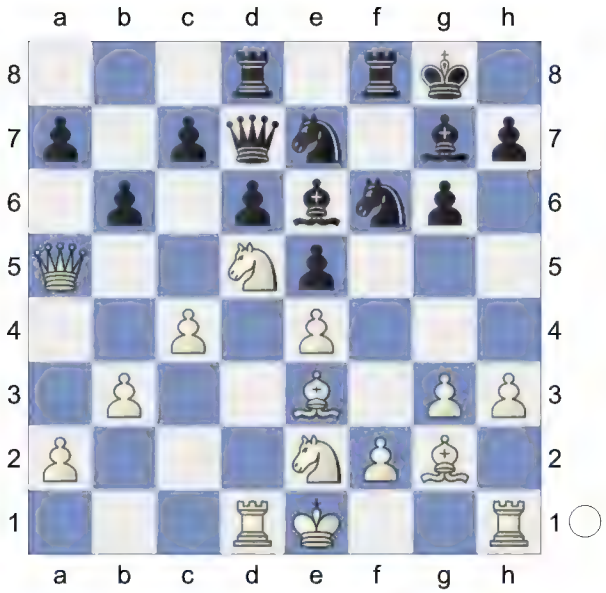
11.Be3 Nf6 12.Qd2 0-0 13.Nd5 Ne7 14.Rd1 Rad8 15.Qa5 White is more active.

[15.Bxa7 Bxd5 16.cxd5 *(16.exd5? b6∓)* 16...b6=]

[15.Nxe7+ simplifies Qxe7 16.0-0 b6 17.Nc3]

15...b6

(Diagram)



16.Qd2

[16.Qxa7? Bxd5 17.cxd5 Ra8-+]

16...c6 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.0-0 0.25/21

[18.Nc3± 0.61/21]

18...b5 1.24/19

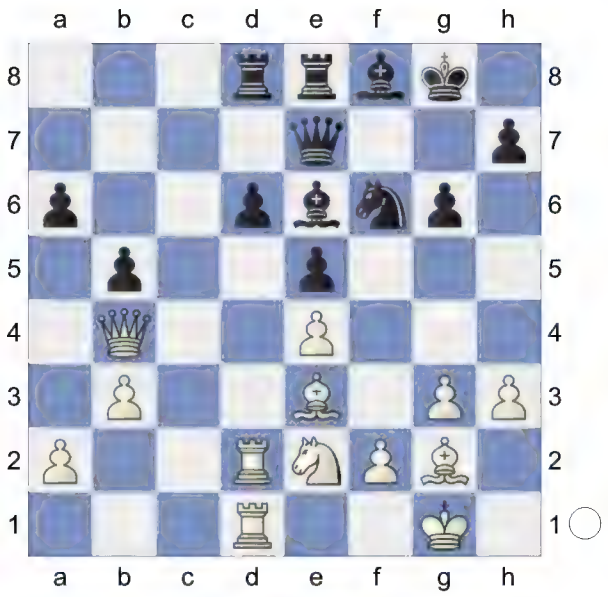
[18...d5= 0.25/21 remains equal.]

19.cxb5± cxb5 20.Qb4 Wards off d5

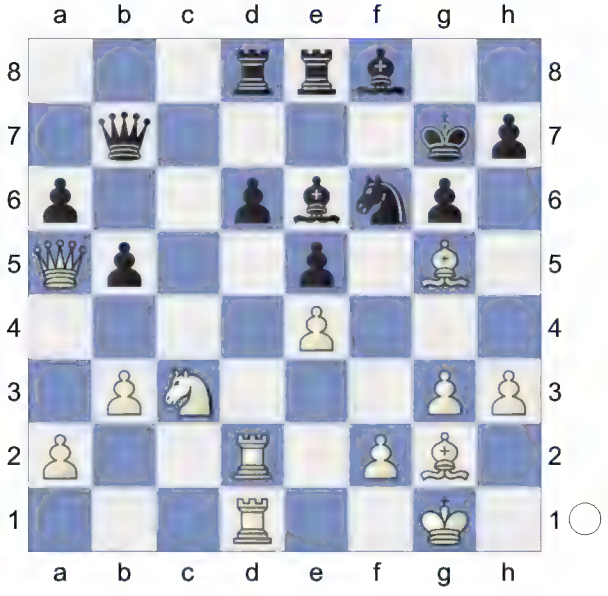
20...a6

21.Rd2 Rfe8 22.Rfd1 Bf8

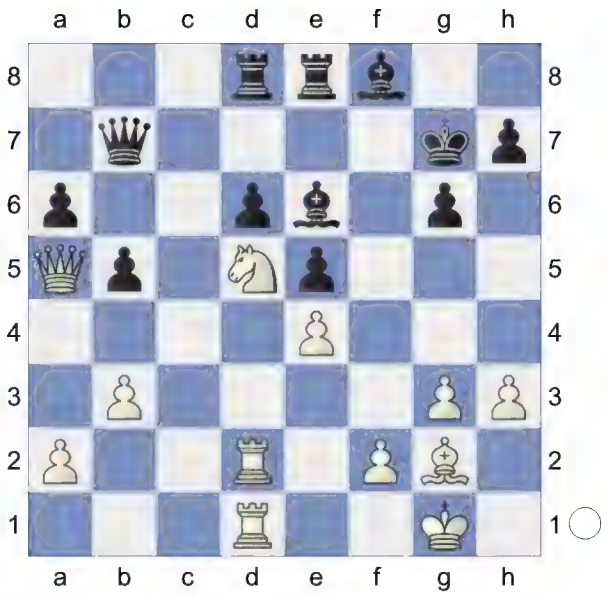
(Diagram)



23.Qa5! Qd7 1.40/19
[Black should play 23...Qb7 0.87/18]
24.Bg5
[24.Qxa6? Ra8 25.Qb6 Reb8 *(25...Bxh3? perishes. 26.Rxd6 Bxd6 27.Rxd6+-)* 26.Rxd6 Rxb6 27.Rxd7 Nxd7-+]
24...Kg7 25.Nc3 1.09/23
[⌓25.Qxa6 1.45/17 b4 26.Rc2]
25...Qb7



26.Bxf6+ Kxf6 27.Nd5+ Kg7? 3.64/21
[27...Bxd5± 1.26/20 28.Rxd5 Kg7]



28.Nc7+- Rd7
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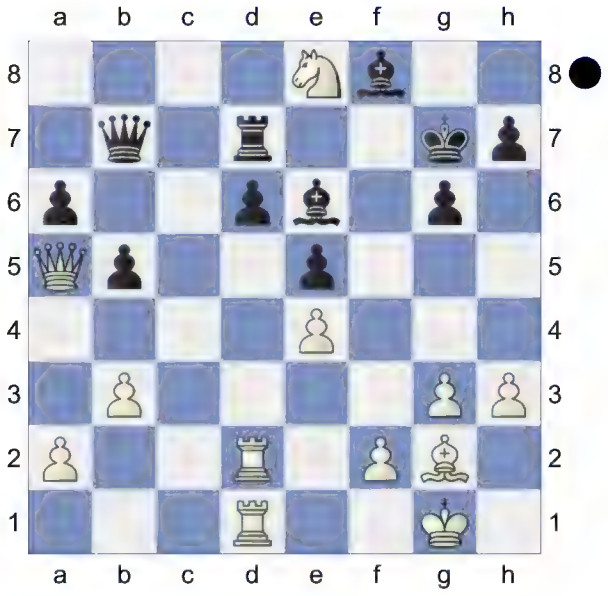
29.Nxe8+



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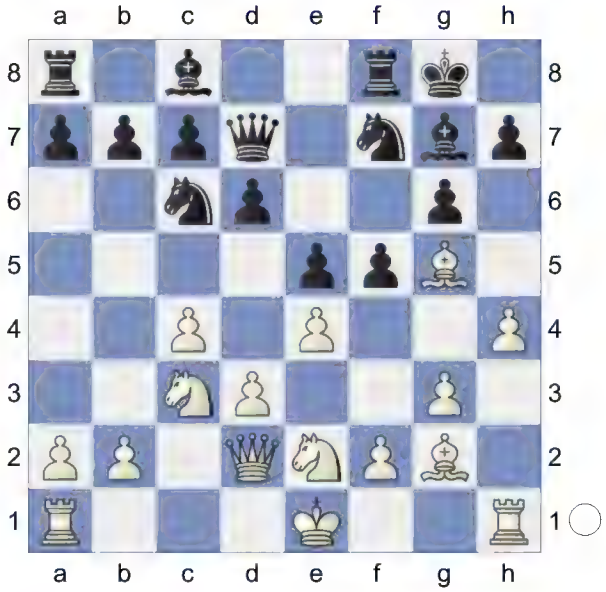
24 **A26**
□ **The Farmer Refuted** **2917**
■ **Rogerrrrr** **2738**
Blitz 04.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.e4 d6

6.d3 Nh6
[6...h5 7.h3 h4 8.g4 Be6 9.Nf3 Qd7 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bxh4 0-0-0 12.Nd5 Rf8 13.Bg3 f5 14.Ng5 f4 15.Bh2 Nd4 16.f3 c6 17.Nc3 Bf6 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Bg1 Ne7 20.Qa4 Kb8 21.Kf1 0-1 (37) Davies,N (2398)-Ledger,A (2314) Hastings Masters op 2022 (8)]
7.Nge2 0-0 8.h4N
[8.0-0 f5 9.Nd5 Be6 10.Rb1 g5 11.exf5 Nxf5 12.b4 Nfd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Ne3 c6 15.Nc2 Nxc2 16.Qxc2 a6 17.Be3 h6 18.a4 Qd7 19.b5 axb5 20.axb5 d5 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Rb6 Rfb8 ½-½ (35) Larsen,B (2620)-Spassky,B (2640) Interpolis-03 1979 (2) 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.Qc6 Qxc6 25.Rxc6 Bf7 26.h4 gxh4 27.gxh4 Rc8 28.Rfc1 Rxc6 29.Rxc6 Ra4 30.h5 Rh4 31.Bxh6 Bxh6 32.Rxh6 Rxh5 33.Rxh5 Bxh5 34.Bxd5+ Kg7 35.Kh2 ½-½ Larsen,B (2620)-Spassky,B (2640) It (cat.15) Tilburg (Netherlands) 1979]
8...f5 0.63/17
[8...Nd4= 0.12/17]
9.Bg5± White is slightly better. **9...Qd7 10.Qd2 Nf7**



11.Be3 h6 1.56/21
[11...Qe7 0.90/18]
12.exf5 1.04/20
[⌓12.h5! 1.56/21]
12...gxf5± 13.f4 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
13...Nd4 14.0-0-0 c6 15.Rdf1 0.21/18
[15.Kb1± 0.68/18]
15...a5 0.99/18
[15...Qc7= 0.21/18]

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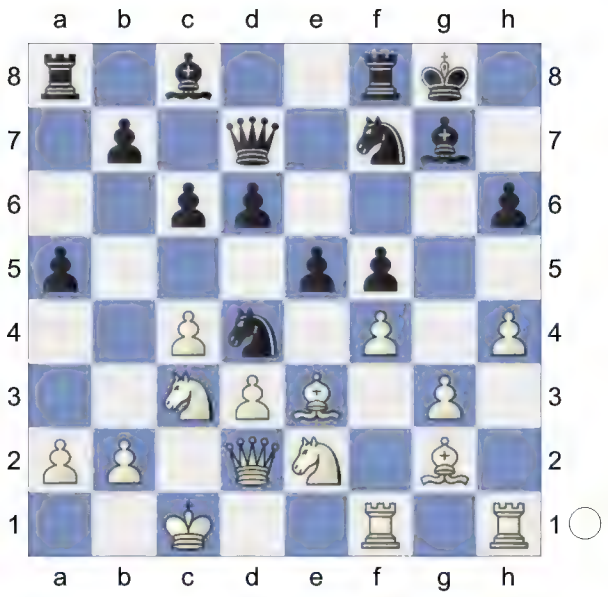

16.Kb1 a4 17.Bh3 -0.23/21
[17.g4!± 0.94/19]
17...Nxe2 0.64/19
[17...a3= -0.23/21]
18.Nxe2 0.06/17
[18.Qxe2± 0.64/19 a3 19.Rh2]
18...a3!= 19.b3 -0.34/20
[19.fxe5 axb2 20.e6 *(20.Rxf5 Qe8∓; 20.Bxf5 Qe7±)* 20...Qxe6]
[19.Rhg1!= 0.06/20]
19...Qe7∓ 20.fxe5! Qxe5? 1.60/18
[20...Re8= -0.18/21 21.Rh2 *(21.Bxf5? Qxe5 22.Bd4 Qxe2-+)* 21...c5]

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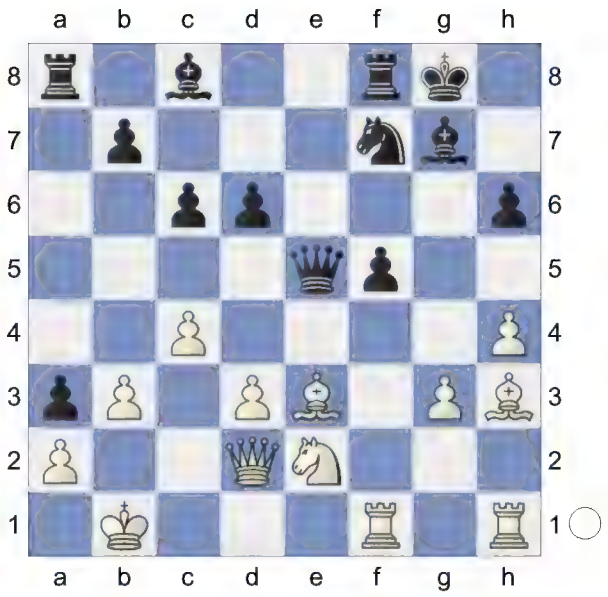

21.Bd4± Qa5 22.b4 Qd8 2.01/20
[22...Qa4± 1.60/19 23.Bxg7 *(23.Bxf5 Bxf5 24.Rxf5 Ne5±)* 23...Kxg7 24.Bxf5 Ne5]
23.Bxf5 1.14/21
[23.Bxg7+- 2.01/20 Kxg7 24.Qc2 *(24.Bxf5 Ne5+-)*]
23...Ne5 24.Bxc8 0.26/19
[24.g4!± 1.21/19]
24...Rxc8 0.63/20
[24...Qxc8= 0.26/19 25.Nf4 Qf5]
25.Qc3 Qe7 1.11/18
[Black should try 25...Qe8± 0.46/17]

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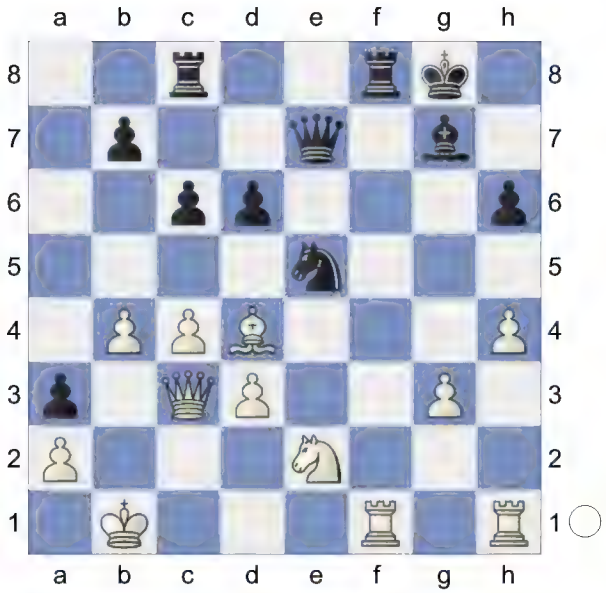
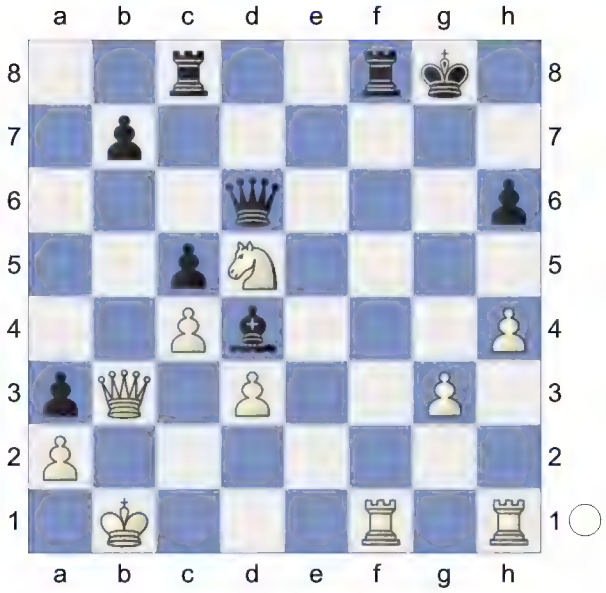


26.Nf4!
[26.Qxa3? Nf3 *(26...Nxc4 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Qc3∓)* 27.Rxf3 *(27.Qb2? Nxd4 28.Nxd4 Qe5-+)* 27...Rxf3 28.Bxg7 Qxg7-+ *(28...Qxe2 29.Bxh6 Rxg3 30.Bc1-+)*]
26...c5 27.bxc5 dxc5 28.Nd5 0.22/19
[28.Qxa3?! Nxc4 29.dxc4 Qe4+ 30.Qd3 Qxd4 *(30...Qxd3+ 31.Nxd3 cxd4 32.Nb2∓)* 31.Qxd4 cxd4=]
[28.Bxe5!± 0.92/21 Qxe5 29.Qxe5 *(29.Qxa3? Ra8-+)* 29...Bxe5 30.Nd5]
28...Qd6 1.14/20
[28...Qe6!= 0.22/19 29.Bxe5 Bxe5 30.Qxa3 b6 *(30...Rxf1+ 31.Rxf1 Bg7 32.Nf4±)*]
29.Bxe5 -0.09/19
[29.Qxa3?! Rfe8± *(29...Nxc4 30.dxc4 Bxd4 31.Rxf8+ Qxf8 32.Qd3±)*]
[White has to play 29.Rxf8+!± 1.14/20 Rxf8 30.Qxa3 Nxc4 31.Qxc5 *(31.dxc4 Qg6+ 32.Kc1 Qe4=)* 31...Bxd4 32.Qxc4 *(32.Qxd4 Na3+ 33.Kb2 Nb5±)*]
29...Bxe5= 30.Qb3 -0.54/18
[30.Qxa3= -0.08/22 is more appropriate. b5 31.h5]
30...Bd4 0.00/21
[30...Bg7∓ -0.54/18]



31.g4 -0.66/18
[31.Qxb7? Rb8-+]
[31.Rxf8+= 0.00/21 Rxf8 32.Nf4 *(32.Qxa3 Qxg3 33.Rd1 Kh7∓; 32.Qxb7? Rb8-+* Pin *)*]
31...Rce8!∓ 32.g5
[32.Qxb7? Rb8 33.Rxf8+ Qxf8-+]
32...hxg5 0.06/19
[32...Re2!∓ -0.60/17 33.Qxa3 *(33.Rxf8+? Qxf8 34.Qxa3 Rb2+ 35.Qxb2 Bxb2-+)* 33...Rb8 *(33...Rb2+ 34.Kc1±)*]
33.hxg5= Rxf1+ 34.Rxf1 Qh2? 2.59/19
[34...Qg3= 0.03/22 35.Qxa3 Kg7]

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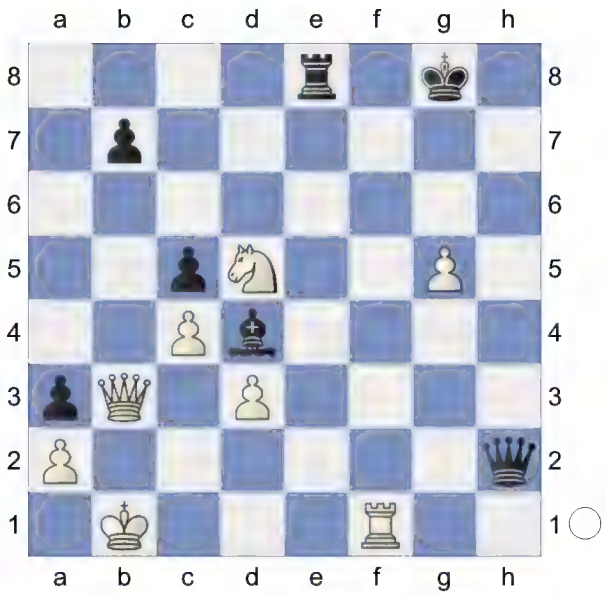
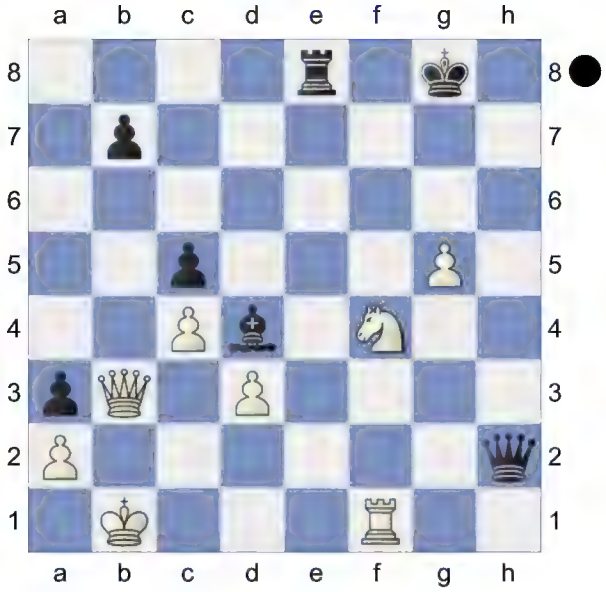


35.Nf4?? -1.84/20
[35.Qxa3 Qe2 36.Rc1 Re5=]
[35.Qxb7? Rb8-+]
[35.Nf6+!+- 2.59/19 Bxf6 36.gxf6]



35...Qd2!→

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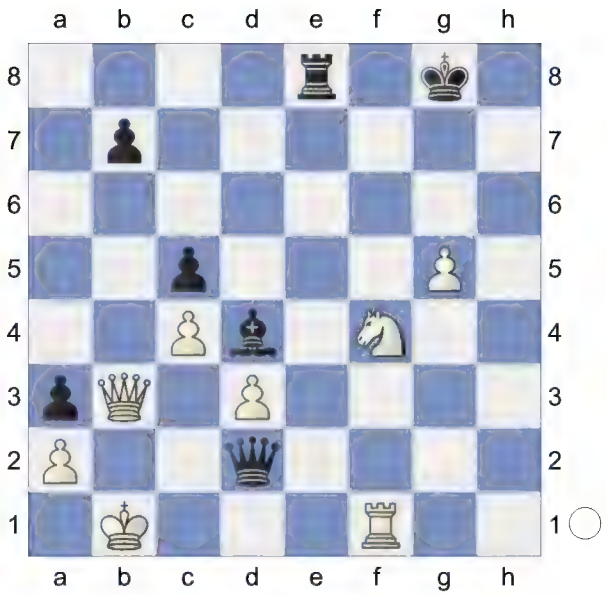

Hoping for ...Re1+. Black is out for blood. **36.Rd1** -11.44/19
[36.Qxb7 Re1+ 37.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 38.Kc2 Qf2+ 39.Kb1 Qxf4 40.Qa8+ Kf7 41.Qxa3 Qf1+ *(41...Qxg5? 42.Qa7+ Kf6 43.Qa5-+)* 42.Qc1 Qxd3+ 43.Qc2 Qf1+ 44.Qc1 Qf3-+]
[36.Qxa3⩲ -1.29/19 Rf8 37.Qc1 Qxc1+ 38.Kxc1 Be3+ 39.Kc2 Rxf4 *(39...Bxf4? 40.Rb1-+)* 40.Re1 Rf2+ 41.Kb3]
36...Re1 37.Rxe1 Qxe1+ Endgame KQB-KQN. White is a pawn up. **38.Kc2 Qf2+ 39.Kd1 Qxf4 40.Qb1 Qf1+**

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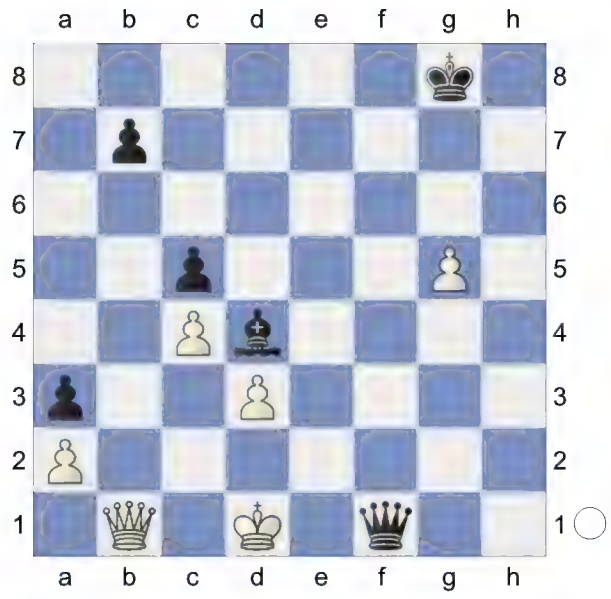


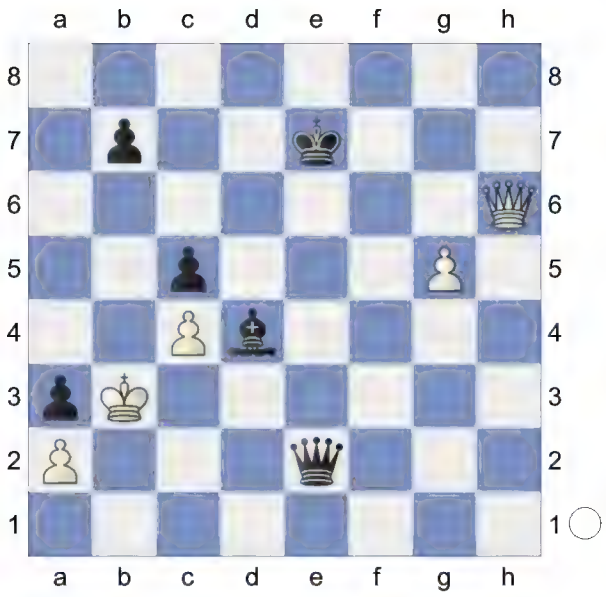
41.Kc2 Qe2+ 42.Kb3 Be3? -3.95/17
[42...Bb2 -#15/19 mates 43.d4 Qf3+ *(43...Bxd4? 44.Kxa3 Qf3+ 45.Ka4-+)* 44.Ka4 Qc6+ *(44...Bxd4? 45.Qg6+ Kf8 46.Qh6+ Ke7 47.Qg6-+)* 45.Kb3 Qb6+ *(45...Bxd4? 46.Qe1-+; 45...cxd4? 46.Qf5-+)* 46.Kc2 Qg6+ Skewer, Deflection, Double Attack *(46...cxd4? 47.Kd1-+)* 47.Kd2 Qxb1 48.Ke2 Bxd4 *(48...cxd4* is a self mate. *49.Kf3 Qf5+ 50.Ke2 Qg4+ 51.Kf2 Bc1 52.Ke1 Be3 53.c5 d3 54.Kf1 Qg1#)* 49.Kf3 Qxa2 50.Kg3 Qf2+ *(50...Qxc4 51.Kh3 a2 52.Kh4 Bf2+ 53.Kh3 a1Q 54.Kg2 Qg4+ 55.Kxf2 Qag1#)* 51.Kg4 a2 52.Kh5 Qf3+ *(52...a1B 53.Kg4 Be3 54.g6 Qf4+ 55.Kh3 Qf3+ 56.Kh4 Bf6#; 52...a1Q? 53.Kg6 Qf7+ 54.Kh6 Qh7#)* 53.Kg6 Qf7+ 54.Kh6 Qh7#]

43.d4? -7.56/20
[43.Kxa3 -3.95/17 Bxg5 44.Qxb7 Qxd3+ 45.Qb3]

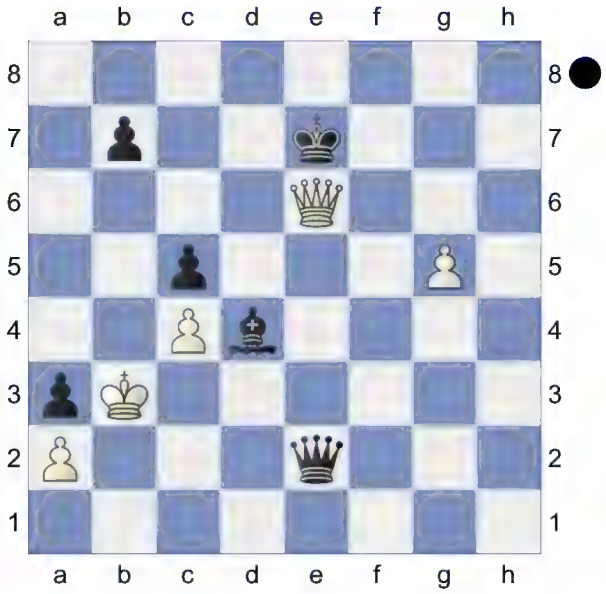
43...Bxd4 Black is clearly winning.
[Stronger than 43...cxd4 44.Qg6+ Kh8 *(44...Kf8 45.Qf5+ Kg8 46.Qg6+ Kh8 47.Qf6+ Kg8 48.Qg6+=)* 45.Qh6+ Kg8 46.Qg6+ Kf8 47.Qf5+ Ke7 48.Qe5+ Kd7 49.Qf5+ Kd8 *(49...Kc7 50.Qe5+ Kb6 51.Qd6+ Ka7 52.Qxa3+ Kb8 53.Qf8+ Kc7 54.Qe7+ Kc8 55.Qe6+ Kd8 56.Qf6+ Kd7 57.Qf7+ Kd6 58.Qf6+ Kc5 59.Qe7+ Kc6 60.Qe6+ Kc7 61.Qe5+ Kd7 62.Qg7+ Ke8 63.Qg6+ Ke7 64.Qg7+ Ke8 65.Qe5+ Kf7 66.Qf5+ Kg7 67.Qf6+ Kg8 68.Qg6+ Kh8 69.Qh6+ Kg8 70.Qg6+ Kh8 71.Qh6+ Kg8 72.Qg6+=)* 50.Qf6+ Kc7 51.Qe7+ Kc8 *(51...Kb6 52.Qd6+ Ka7 53.Qc5+ b6 54.Qc7+ Ka6 55.Qc8+ Ka7 56.Qd7+ Ka6 57.Qb5+ Ka7 58.Qa4+ Kb7 59.Qd7+ Ka8 60.Qe8+ Kb7 61.Qd7+ Ka8 62.Qc8+ Ka7 63.Qc7+ Ka6 64.Qc8+ Ka7=)* 52.Qc5+ Kd7 53.Qd5+ Kc7 54.Qe5+ Kd7 55.Qf5+ Kd6 56.Qd5+ Ke7 *(56...Kc7 57.Qc5+ Kd7 58.Qf5+=)* 57.Qc5+ Kd8 *(57...Kd7 58.Qd5+ Ke8 59.Qe6+ Kf8 60.Qf6+ Kg8 61.Qg6+=)* 58.Qd6+ Ke8 *(58...Kc8 59.Qc5+ Kb8 60.Qe5+ Ka8 61.Qe8+ Ka7 62.Qa4+ Kb6 63.Qb4+ Kc7 64.Qe7+ Kb8 65.Qd8+ Ka7 66.Qa5+ Kb8 67.Qd8+ Ka7 68.Qa5+ Kb8 69.Qe5+ Ka7 70.Qc5+ b6 71.Qc7+ Ka6 72.Qc8+ Ka7 73.Qc7+ Ka8 74.Qd8+ Kb7 75.Qd7+ Ka6 76.Qc8+ Ka7 77.Qd7+ Kb8 78.Qd8+ Kb7 79.Qd7+ Kb8 80.Qd8+ Kb7=)* 59.Qe6+ Kd8 *(59...Kf8 60.Qf6+ Ke8 61.Qe6+ Kd8 62.Qd6+ Ke8 63.Qe6+=)* 60.Qf6+ Kc7 61.Qe5+ Kd7=]

44.Qg6+ Kf8 45.Qh6+ Ke7

(Diagram)



(-> ...Qb2+) Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.99/ Black=0.57
46.Qe6+



Loss on time!?
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25 **A10**
□ **Mothandtheflame** **2917**
■ **Papasi** **2722**
Blitz 05.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A10: English Opening: Unusual Replies for Black
1.c4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 0-0

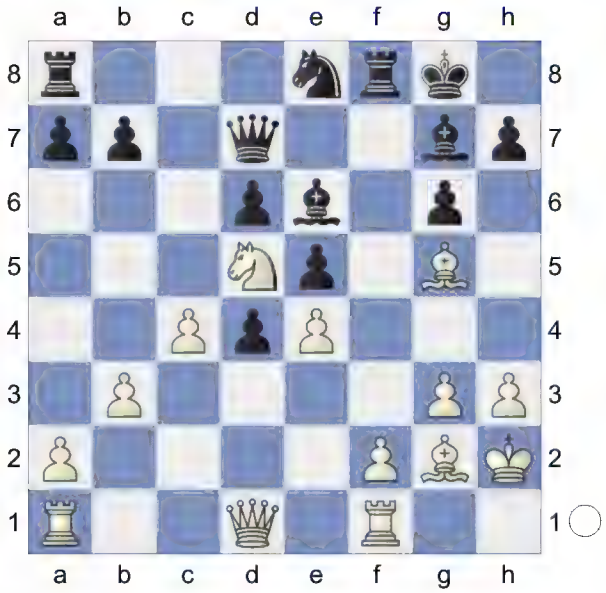
6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 fxe4 8.dxe4 e5
[8...c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.h3 e5 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.Kh2 Nh5 1 c4-First Move Alternatives Chapter 5: Opening Preparation - 1 c4 a 2021]
9.h3N
[9.0-0 Be6 10.b3 Qd7 11.f4 Nc6 12.Qd3 Nd4 13.Ba3 c5 14.fxe5 Ng4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Nd5 Nxe5 17.Qd2 Bg4 18.Bb2 d3 19.Nf4 b5 20.Nxd3 bxc4 21.Nxe5 dxe5 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Qxd7 Bxd7 ½-½ (41) Hans,P (2633)-Neihs,H (2473) 40/(685) Luzern 1985 (11) 24.bxc4 Rc8 25.Bf1 Bc6 26.Re1 Rd8 27.Bc3 Bf8 28.Bg2 Bc5+ 29.Kh1 Rd3 30.Bxe5 Rd2 31.a4 Bxa4 32.Bf4 Rd1

33.Rxd1 Bxd1 34.e5 a5 35.Bd5+ Kf8 36.Kg2 a4 37.Bc1 a3 38.Kf1 Bg4 ½-½ (41) Kharlov,A (2633)-Minasian,A (2473) 3rd IECC Batumi GEO 2002 (11)]

9...Be6 10.b3 c5

The position is equal. **11.Nd5 Nc6 12.Bg5 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.0-0 Qd7 15.Kh2 Ne8** 0.37/20

[15...Rf7= 0.00/17]



16.Rc1 h6 17.Bd2 Nc7 0.58/19

[17...Nf6= 0.21/20]

18.Nb4 a5 19.Nd3 -0.48/19

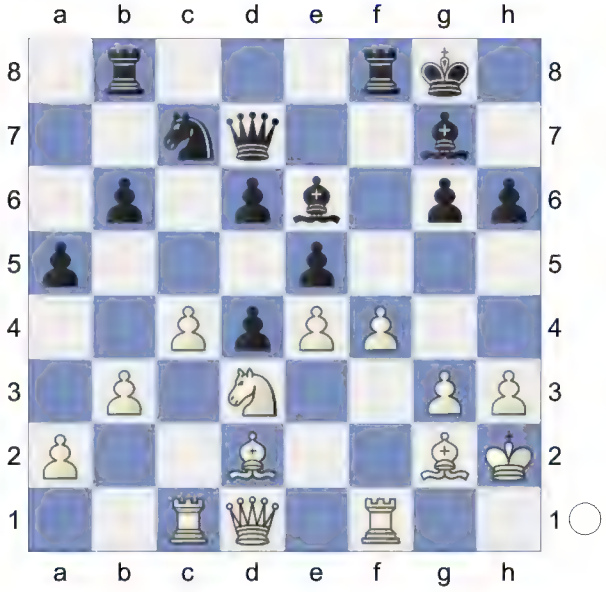
[White should try 19.Nd5= 0.23/21]

19...b6 0.19/20

[19...Na6!∓ -0.48/19]

20.f4= Rab8 0.51/19

[20...Na6!= -0.14/18]



21.Qe2 -0.34/19

[21.fxe5± 0.51/19 dxe5 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.c5]

21...Na6!∓ 22.g4 exf4 23.Nxf4 -0.69/21

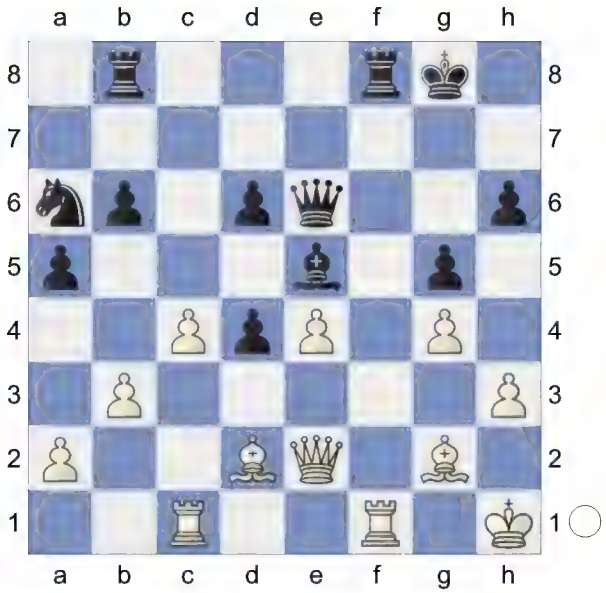
[23.Bxf4= -0.22/19 Nc5 24.Bg3]

23...Be5 and ...g5 should not be overlooked **24.Kh1 g5** -0.10/20

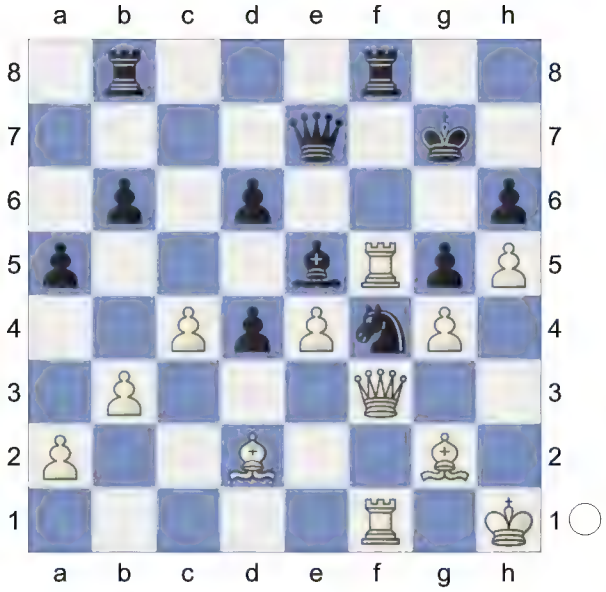
[24...Kh7∓ -0.75/22]

25.Nxe6!= Qxe6

(Diagram)

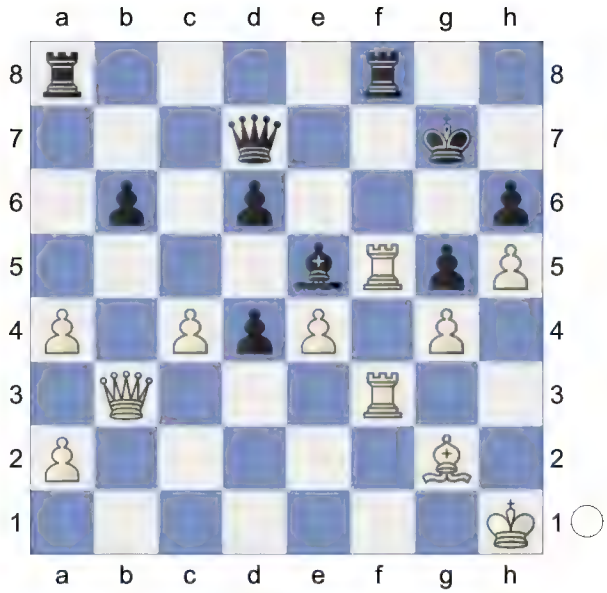


26.Rf5 Nc5 27.Rcf1 -0.58/22
[27.h4!= -0.10/20 deserves consideration.]
27...Qe7∓ 28.h4 Ne6 29.Qf3 Kg7 30.h5 Nf4

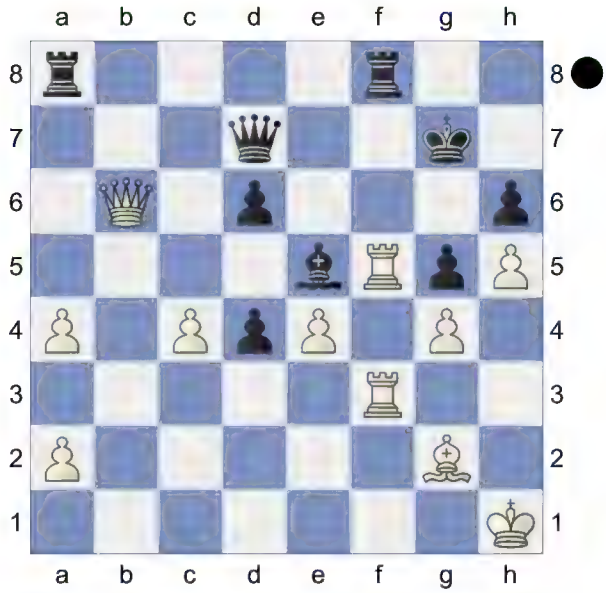


31.Bxf4 Bxf4 -0.03/20
[Better is 31...gxf4∓ -0.71/20 32.Rg1 Qh4+ 33.Qh3 Qxh3+ 34.Bxh3 d3]
32.Qd3= Be5 33.R1f3 a4 34.bxa4 Ra8 35.Qb3 Qd7

(Diagram)

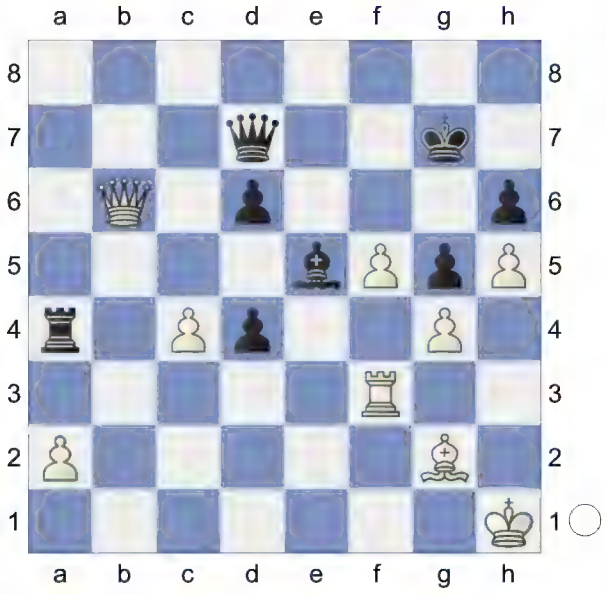


36.Qxb6? -2.92/21
[36.a5= 0.12/19 and White stays safe. bxa5 37.c5]

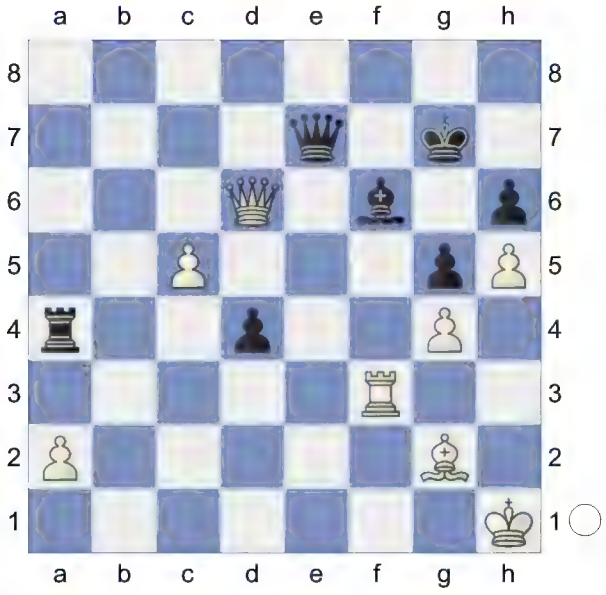


36...Rxf5?? 2.28/19
[36...Qxa4? is the wrong capture. 37.Qb7+ Kg8 38.Qd5+ Kg7 39.Qb7+ *(39.Rf7+ Rxf7 40.Rxf7+ Kh8+-)* 39...Kg8 40.Qe7+-]
[36...Rab8 37.Qa5=]
[36...Rfb8!-+ -2.92/21 avoids the disaster. 37.Rf7+ Qxf7 38.Rxf7+ Kxf7]

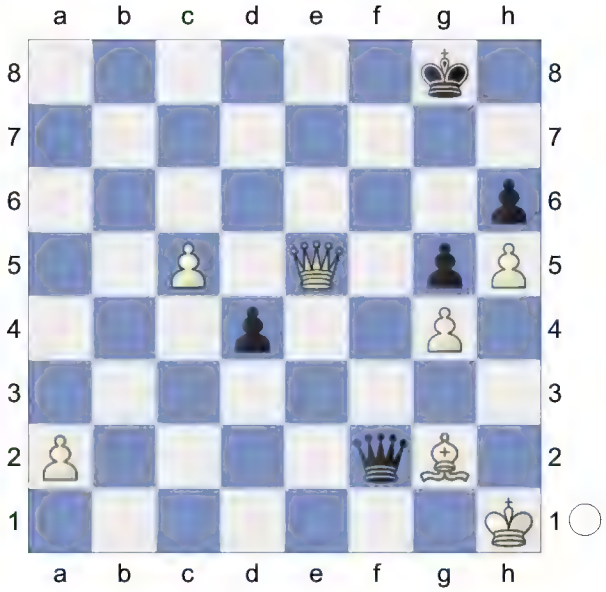
37.exf5+- Rf1 is the strong threat.
37...Rxa4



38.c5 1.10/18
[38.f6+!+- 2.37/20 and the rest is easy. Bxf6 39.Qb1]
38...Qa7? 7.03/20
[38...Rc4± 1.10/18]
39.f6+ Deflection. Black is weak on the light squares **39...Bxf6 40.Qxd6 Qe7**



41.Rxf6! D e f l e c t i o n **41...Qxf6**
Endgame KQR-KQB
[41...Qxd6 42.Rxd6]
42.Qd7+ Kh8 43.Qxa4 Qf2 44.Qe8+ Kg7 45.Qe5+ 14.58/19
[⌓45.Qg6+ #16/19 Kf8 46.Qxh6+ Ke7 47.Qd6+ *(47.Qxg5+ Qf6+-)* 47...Ke8 48.Bc6+ *(48.Qe5+ Kd7+-)* 48...Kf7 49.Qg6+ Kf8 50.Qe8+ *(50.Qxg5 Qf1+ 51.Kh2 Qf2+ 52.Kh3 Qf1+ 53.Bg2 Qf2+-; 50.Qh6+ Ke7+-)* 50...Kg7 51.h6+ Kf6 52.Qf8+ Skewer Ke6 53.Qxf2]
45...Kg8



46.c6 13.83/18
[⌓46.Bd5+ #18/18 Kf8 47.Qd6+ Ke8 48.Bc6+ *(48.Qxh6 Qe1+ 49.Kg2 Qe2+ 50.Kh3 Qe3+ 51.Kg2 Qd2+ 52.Kh1 Qe1+ 53.Kh2 Qe5+ 54.Kh3 Qe3+ 55.Kg2 Qd2+ 56.Kh3 Qe3+=)* 48...Kf7 49.Qg6+ *(49.Qxh6 Qe1+ 50.Kg2 Qe2+ 51.Kh1 Qe1+ 52.Kh2 Qe5+ 53.Kh1 Qe1+=; 49.Bd5+ Ke8+-)* 49...Kf8 50.Qxh6+ Kf7 51.Qg6+ *(51.Qxg5 Qf1+ 52.Kh2 Qe2+ 53.Kh3 Qf1+ 54.Bg2 Qd3+ 55.Kh4 Qe3+-; 51.Bd5+ Ke7 52.Qd6+ Ke8 53.Bc6+ Kf7 54.Qg6+ Ke7 55.Qe8+ Kf6 56.Qf8+* Skewer *Ke6)* 51...Ke7 52.Qe8+ *(52.Qxg5+ Kf7+-)* 52...Kf6 53.Qf8+ Skewer Ke6 54.Qxf2]

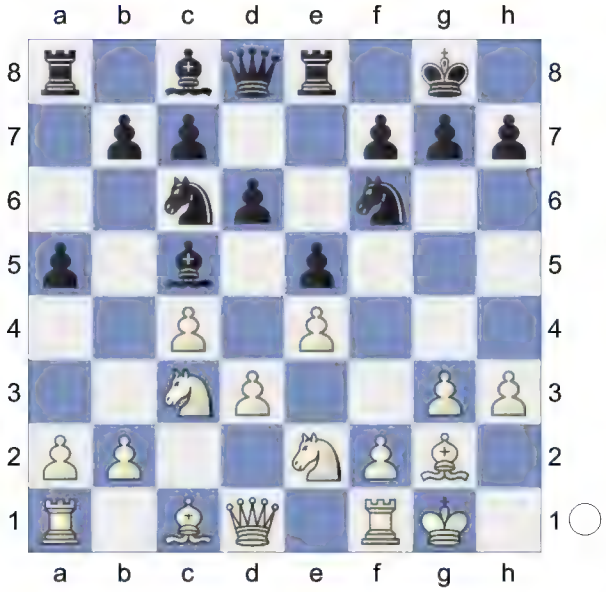
46...Qc2 47.Bd5+ White mates.
47...Kf8 48.Qf6+ Ke8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.77
49.Bf7+

1-0

26 **A20**
□ **Torombot** **2914**
■ **Firefishbot V2** **2906**
Rapid 30.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A25: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 but without early d3
Hello Chessable members ! I'm Grandmaster Pentala Harikrishna and I'll be showing you my game of the day from round 1 of the Candidates 2020 tournament. I chose this game because Ding is a very solid player and very rarely loses. Also in this round, we have two victories with black, both players who lost with white are very solid players. It was a tough choice for me as Ian also won a nice game against Anish. I liked this game because, for a large part of the game, Ding was doing very well. But when Wang Hao got a chance, he took it ! He didn't give Ding any chance to recover. **1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.d3 0-0 5.Nc3 Nc6N**
[5...c6 6.Nf3 d6 7.0-0 Re8 8.Na4 Bb4 9.a3 Ba5 10.b4 Bc7 11.e4 a5 12.Bb2 Na6 13.b5 cxb5 14.cxb5 Nc5 15.Nxc5 dxc5 16.a4 Bg4 17.Ra3 Nd7 18.h3 Bh5 19.Qb1 b6 20.Nd2 0-1 (45) Ding,L (2805)-Wang,H (2762) FIDE Candidates Tournament 2020 (1.2) Nf8 21.Bf3 Qg5 22.h4 Qg6 23.Qd1 Bxf3 24.Qxf3 h5 25.Qf5 Rad8 26.Qxg6 Nxg6 27.Kg2 f6 28.Nc4 Kf7 29.Bc1 Rd7 30.f4 exf4 31.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 32.gxf4 f5 33.e5 Re6 34.Kf3 Rg6 35.Ne3 (45) Round-Ding,L Ke6 36.Rd1 Bd8 37.Ra2 Rd4 38.Nc2 Rd5 39.Ne3 Rd7 40.Rdd2 Bxh4 41.Rg2 Rg4 42.Rh2 g6 43.Nxg4 fxg4+ 44.Ke3 Be7 45.Rac2 h4 1-0 Ding,L (2791)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com (Int.-m/4-rapid) 146/43 2020]
[5...h6 6.Nf3 Re8 7.0-0 d6 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 c6 10.b3 a5 11.Bb2 Na6 12.Qd2 Qe7 13.Rad1 Bd7 14.h3 Bb6 15.e4 Nc5 16.Rfe1 Rad8 17.Kh2 Bc8 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 Qc7 20.Rxe8+ 0-1 (55) Ding,L (2791)-Carlsen,M (2863) Chessable Masters Final rapid 2020 (2.16)]
[5...Re8 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Bd2 Qd6 11.Ng5 Bb6 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.b4 Rad8 14.Ne4 Qe7 15.b5 Nd4 16.a4 Bg4 17.Re1 f5 18.Bg5 Qf7 19.Nc5 Bxc5 20.Rxc5 0-1 (61) Donchenko,A (2684)-Caruana,F (2782) World-chT Rapid 2023 (4.5)]

6.e3 Bb4 7.e4 a5 8.Nge2 White has an edge. **8...d6 9.h3 Bc5 10.0-0 Re8**



11.Kh2 h6 12.f4 Bd7 13.f5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.a4 c6

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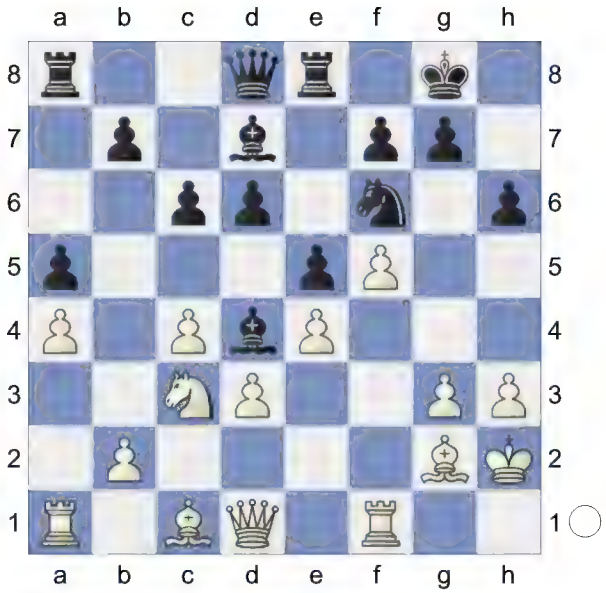
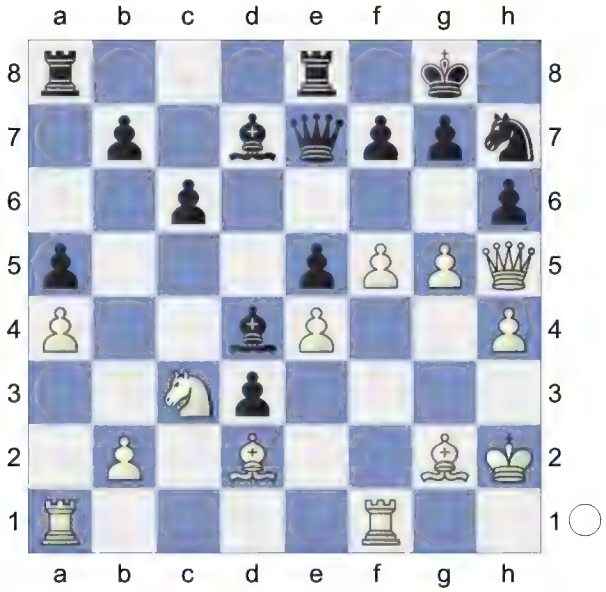


16.h4 d5 17.g4 White wants to play g5. **17...dxc4 18.g5 Nh7 19.Qh5 cxd3 20.Bd2**

[20.gxh6 Qf6 21.Bh3 Rad8 22.hxg7 Qxg7 23.Bd2]

20...Qe7

[20...Qb6 looks sharper. 21.g6 fxg6 22.fxg6 Nf6]



The position is equal. **21.Rad1! Red8 22.Rf3 Be8 23.Rg3 g6 24.Qxh6**

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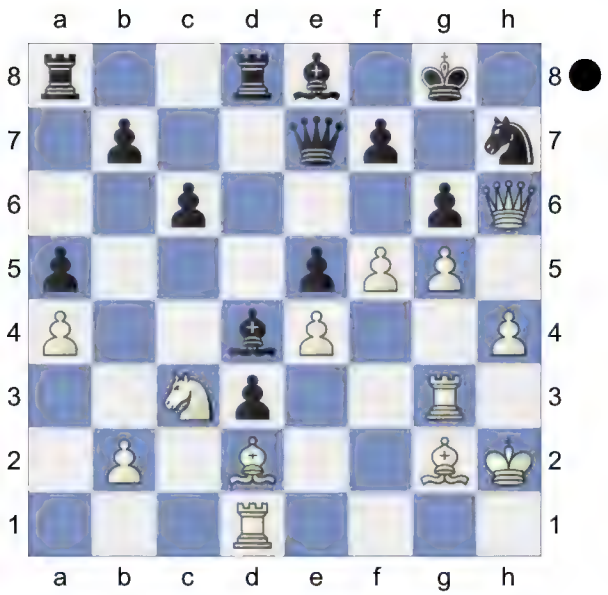
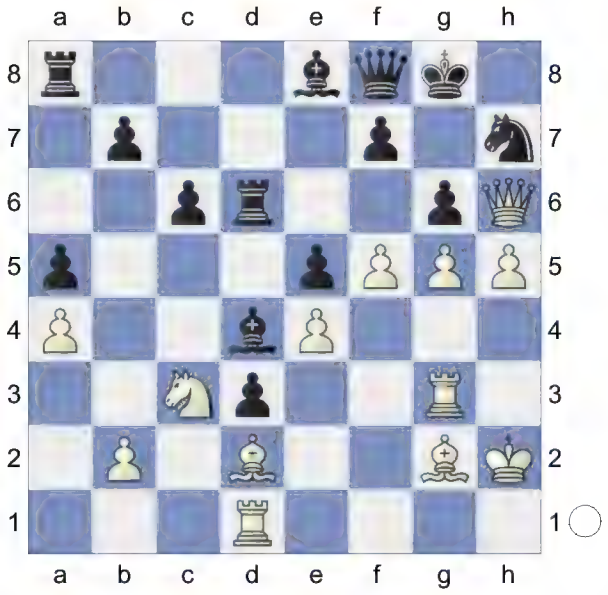


Rd6 25.h5

[25.Rxd3 gxf5 26.Qh5 f4∓]

25...Qf8!

[Not 25...gxf5 26.g6 fxg6 *(26...Qh4+? 27.Rh3+-)* 27.hxg6+-]



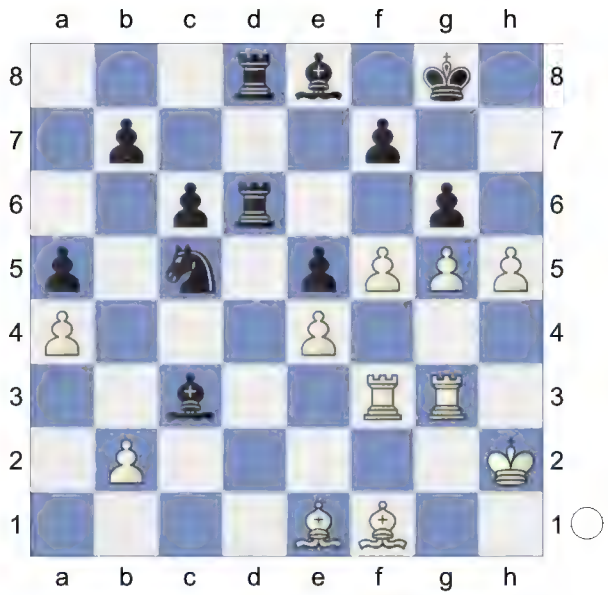
26.Qxf8+ Nxf8 27.Bf1 Rad8 28.Be1 Nd7 Threatens to win with ...Nc5.

29.Rdxd3 Nc5

[Much weaker is 29...gxh5 30.Rg2±]

30.Rdf3 Bxc3

(Diagram)



Remove Defender **31.Bxc3 Nxe4**

32.fxg6 Nxc3

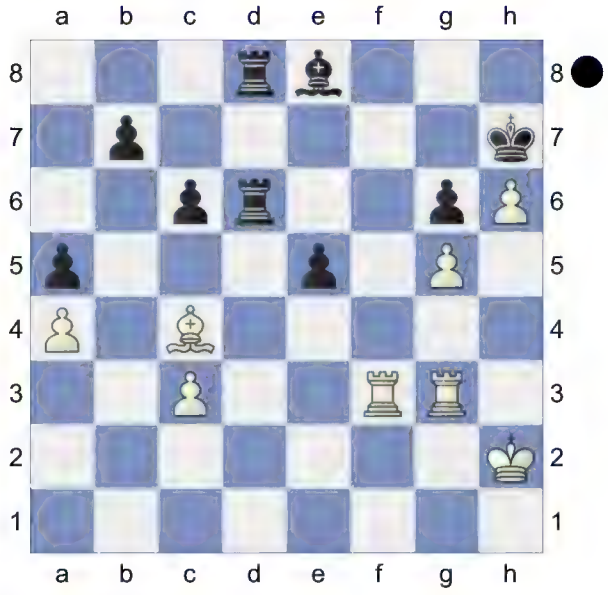
[32...fxg6 33.Bc4+ Kh7 34.hxg6+ Kxg6 35.Bd3 Rxd3 36.Rxd3±]

33.bxc3 Threatens to win with Bc4.

33...fxg6 34.Bc4+ Kh7!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

35.h6



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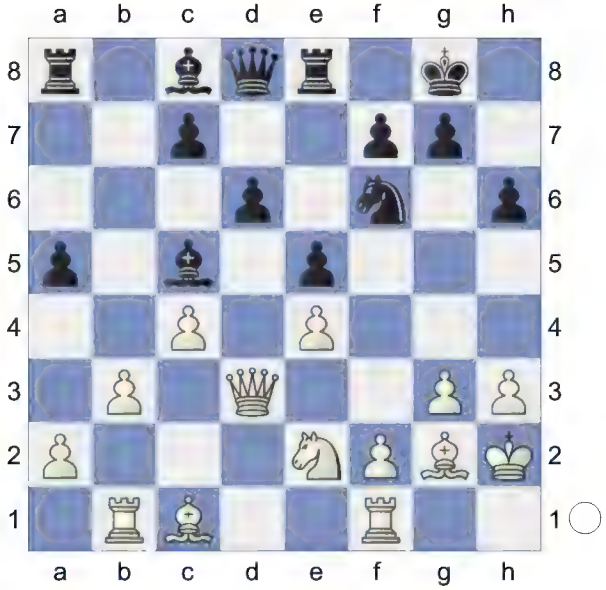
27 **A22**
□ **Variantstop** **2913**
■ **Nikitosikbot** **2908**
Blitz 16.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6
A22: Ouverture anglaise (avec 2...Cf6)
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e4 d6

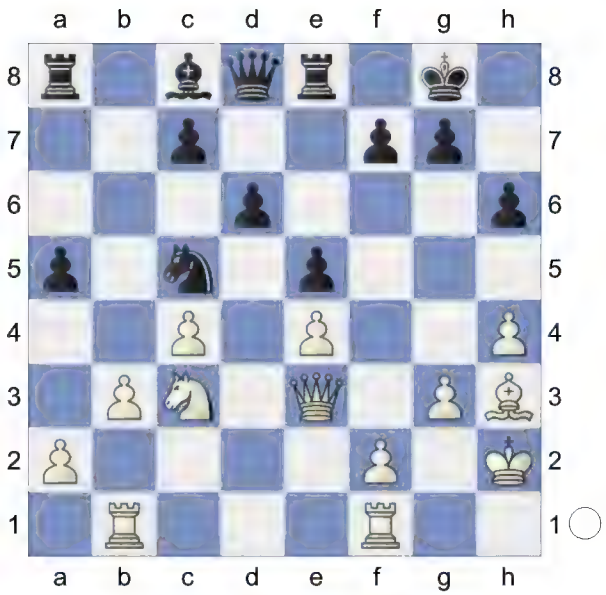
6.d3
[6.Nge2 a6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3 Rb8 9.h3 b5 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 Ne7 12.d4 c6 13.a3 Ba5 14.b4 Bb6 15.Bb2 cxd5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Bxe5 Rb7 18.exd5 Rd7 19.Nf4 Bb7 20.Ra2 Bxd5 ½-½ (44) Harikrishna,P (2612)-L'Ami,E (2516) Monde (championnat junior) 2004 (9)]
6...a6N
[6...Nc6 7.Nge2 Bc5 8.0-0 Nd4 *(8...a6 9.h3 h6 10.Kh2 Nd4 11.f4)* 9.Rb1 a5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Qe1 c6 12.Be3 Re8 13.b3 Rb8 14.a3 Bd7 15.Bxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 c5 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 b5 19.cxb5 Rxb5 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Qd2 ½-½ (22) Bellmann,H (2474)-Windhausen,G (2510) corr Rochade-25/TT 2014 [1] Qb6 22.Rxb5 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2500)-Lopes,M (2125) corr RCCA 20/pr01 2013]
7.Nge2 b5 8.0-0 bxc4 9.dxc4 Bc5 10.h3 Nc6

11.b3 Re8 12.Kh2 Nd4 13.Rb1 Nxe2 14.Nxe2 a5 15.Qd3 h6



16.Nc3 Bb7 17.Be3 Nd7 18.h4 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Nc5 20.Bh3 Bc8

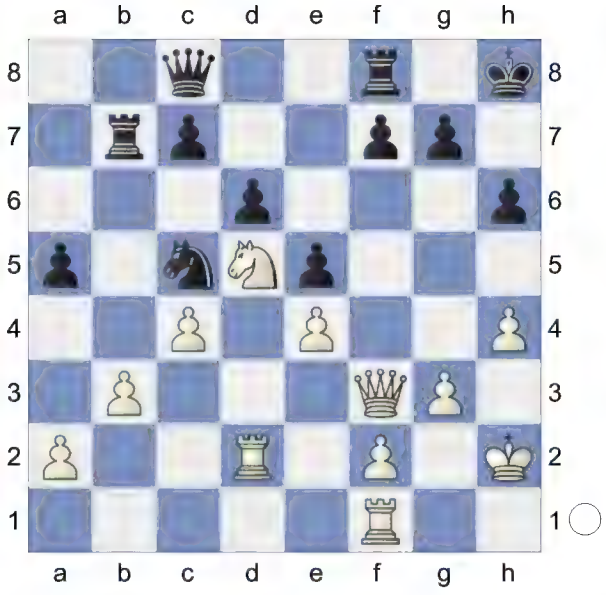
(Diagram)



21.Bxc8 Qxc8 22.Nd5 Rb8 23.Qf3 Rb7 24.Rbd1 Kh8 25.Rd2

[25.Qxf7? c6 *(25...Nxe4 26.Qg6=)* 26.Qg6 cxd5 27.Rxd5 Re6-+]

25...Rf8



26.Qe3 Qe6 27.Kg2 Kh7 28.Re1 Qe8 29.Qc3

[29.Red1 keeps more tension. Qc8 30.Ne7 Qg4 31.f3]

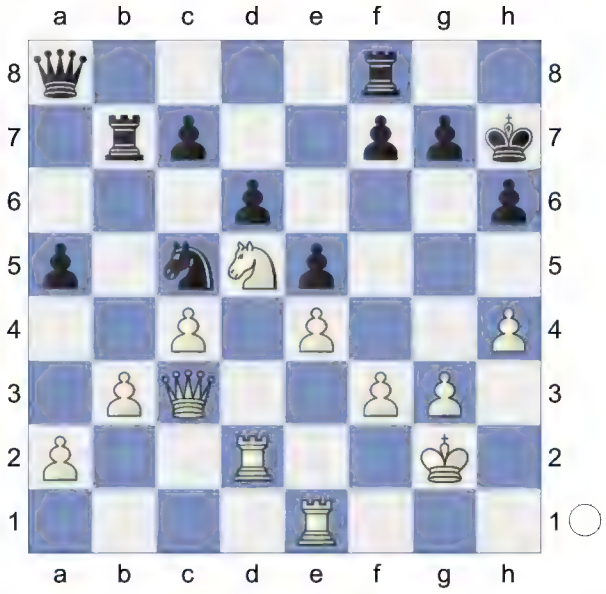
29...Qb8

[29...c6 30.Ne3±]

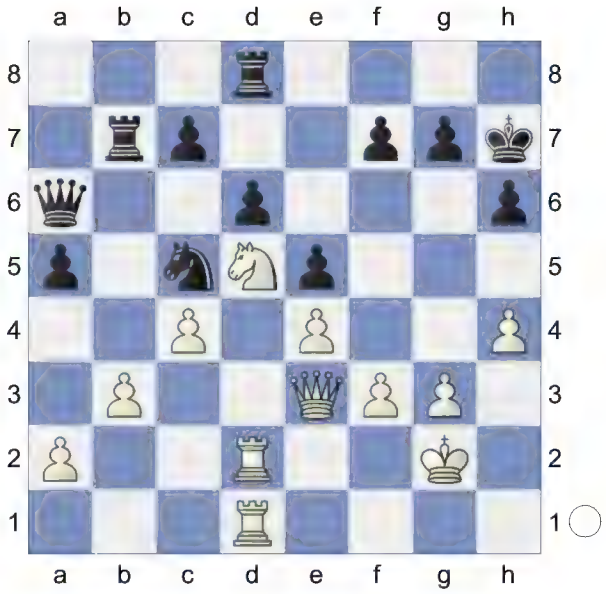
30.f3

[Of course not 30.Qxa5 c6 31.Ne3 Nxe4∓]

30...Qa8

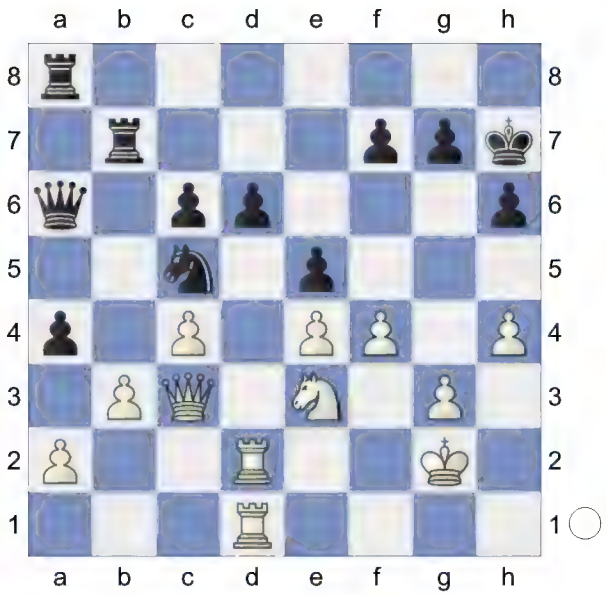


31.Red1 Ne6 32.Qd3 Qa7 33.Nc3 Nc5 34.Qe3 Qa6 35.Nd5 Rd8

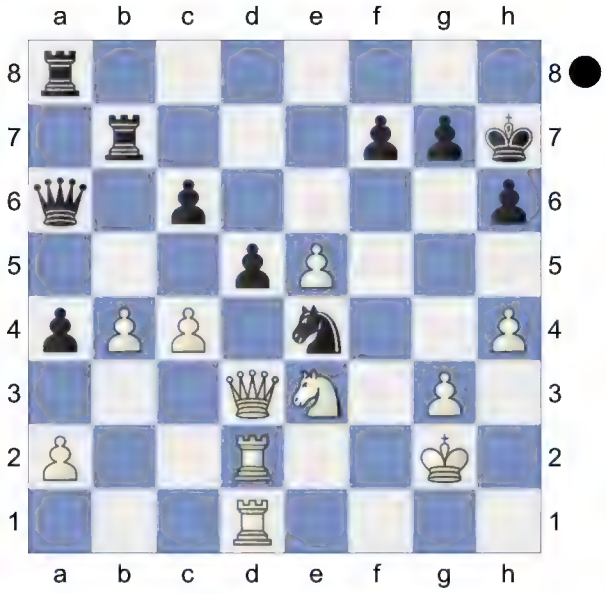


36.Qf2 Rdb8 37.Qe3 Rd8 38.Qc3 Ra8 39.f4 c6 40.Ne3 a4

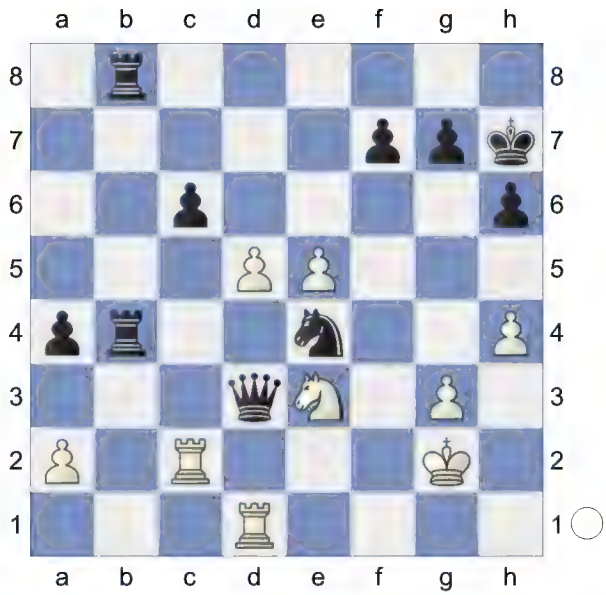
(Diagram)



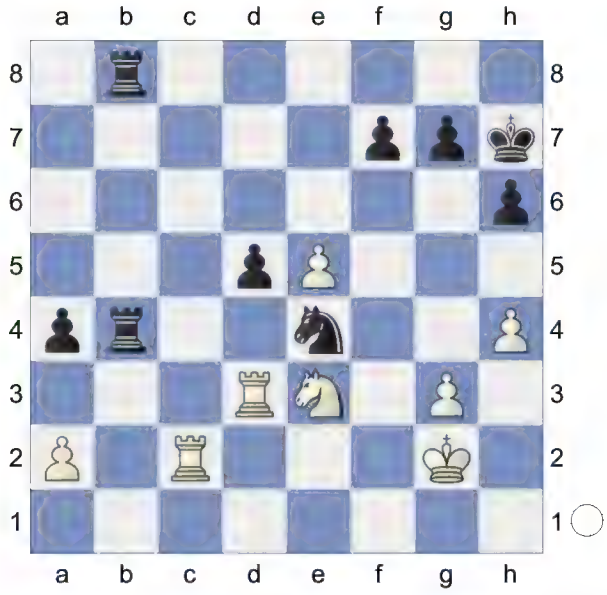
The position is equal. **41.b4**
[41.Rxd6 axb3 42.Qxe5 *(42.axb3? Qa2+ 43.R6d2 Qxb3-+)* 42...bxa2 *(42...Qxa2+? 43.Kh3-+)* 43.Qxc5 a1Q *(43...a1B?* is the wrong capture. *44.Kh3+-)* 44.Rxa1 Qxa1-+]
41...Nxe4 42.Qd3 d5 43.fxe5



Rxb4 44.Rc2!
[44.cxd5 Qxd3 45.Rxd3 Rb2+ 46.Kf3 Nf2 47.dxc6 Nxd3 48.Rxd3 Rc8-+ *(48...Rxa2? 49.Rc3-+)*]
44...Rab8 45.cxd5 Qxd3
(Diagram)

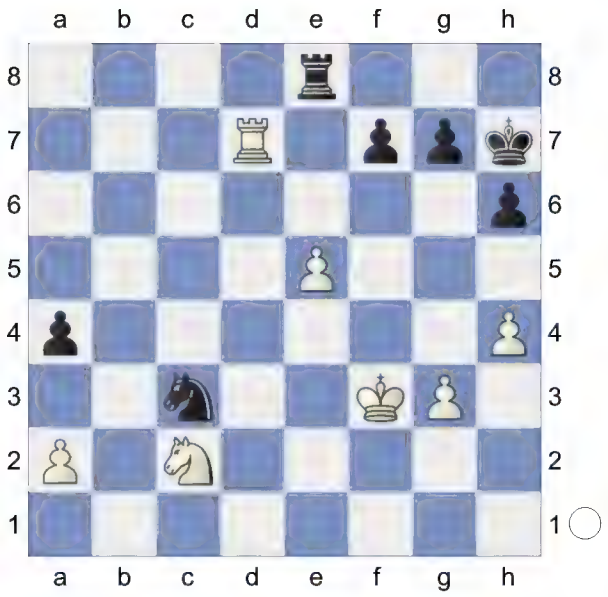


46.Rxd3 cxd5

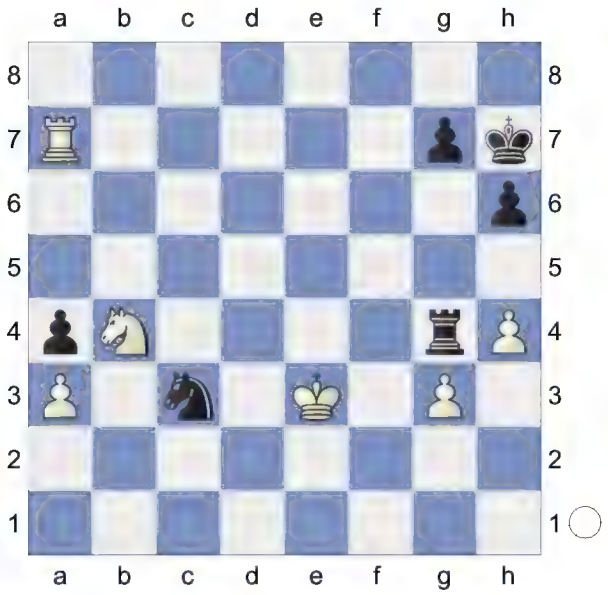


47.Rxd5 Rb2 Threatens to win with ... Rxc2+. **48.Kf3** Black must now prevent Rxb2. **48...Rxc2 49.Nxc2=** Endgame KRN-KRN **49...Nc3 50.Rd7 Re8**

(Diagram)

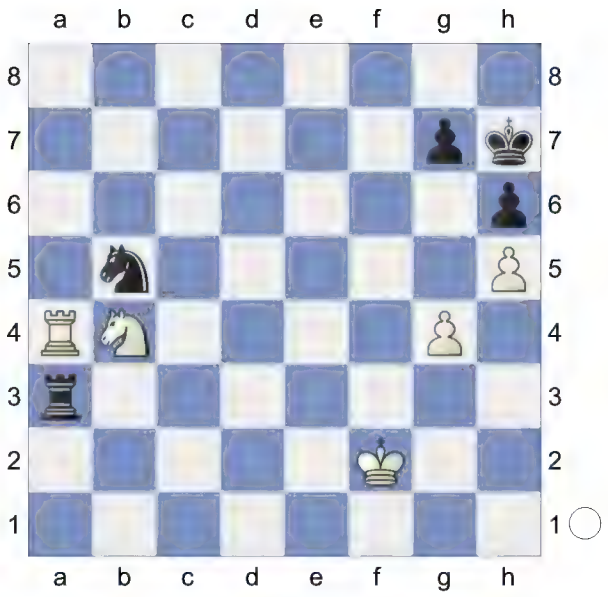


51.Rxf7 Rxe5 52.Nb4 Rc5 53.Ra7 Rc4 54.a3 Rd4 55.Ke3 Rg4

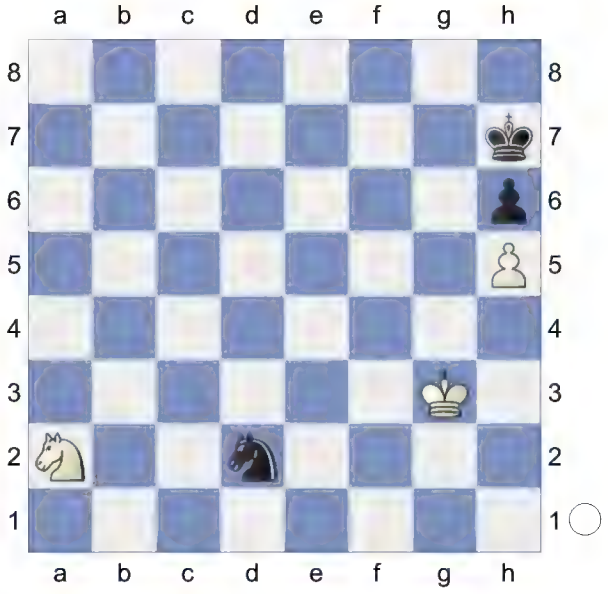


56.Kf3 Rc4 57.h5 Rc5 58.g4 Nb5 59.Rxa4 Rc3+ 60.Kf2 Rxa3

(Diagram)

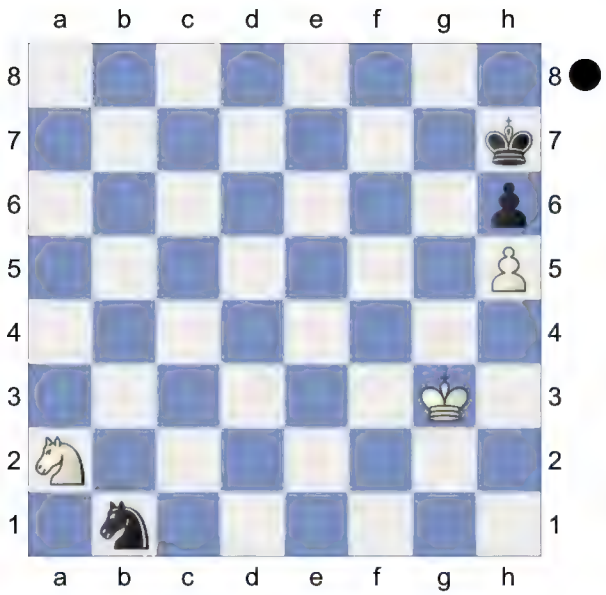


61.Rxa3 Nxa3 KN-KN **62.Kf3 g6 63.Kg3 gxh5 64.gxh5 Nb1 65.Na2 Nd2**



66.Nc1 Nb1 67.Na2 Nd2 68.Nc1 Nb1
An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
69.Na2

(Diagram)



½-½

28 **A36**
□ **Gabuzyan Chessmood** **2910**
■ **Metan0la** **2738**
Blitz 23.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.d3 Nc6

(Diagram)

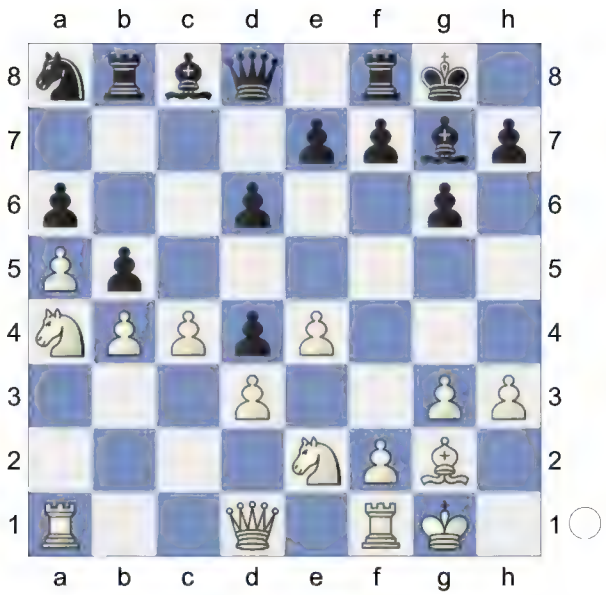
6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.a4 Rb8 10.h3 Ne8

11.Be3 Nd4 0.42/19
[11...b5= -0.20/22]
12.a5N -0.34/21
[12.Rb1!± 0.42/19
A) 12...Bd7 13.b4 b6 14.f4 Nc7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 f5 17.Qd2 Kh8 18.Kh2 e5 19.Rf2 Be6 20.fxe5 dxe5 21.Rbf1 Qd6 22.h4 Rbd8 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.Nb1 Bc8 25.Qe1 fxe4 26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Rxf8+ 1-0 (46) Lunacek,J (2636)-

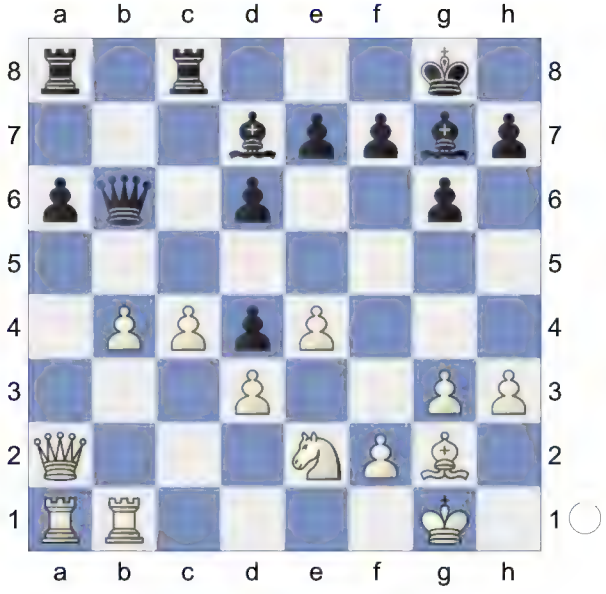
C 58/01 (2536) TCh Rabat CRO 2003 (4);
B) 12...Nc7 13.b4 Bd7 *(13...Nce6 14.f4 cxb4 15.Rxb4 Nxe2+ 16.Nxe2 Qa5 17.Qd2 Nc5 18.Rfb1 Qc7 19.d4 a5 20.Rb5 Na6 21.Rxa5 Bd7 22.Rab5 Qc8 23.Rb6 Bxh3 24.Bxh3 Qxh3 25.Rxb7 Rxb7 26.Rxb7 h5 27.Bf2 h4 28.gxh4* ½-½ (38) Istvandi,L (2480)-Baleja,M (2490) corr Worldopen SF BdF 60years/EM05 2008 (4)) 14.a5 Nce6 15.Nd5 Nxe2+ 16.Qxe2 Bc6 17.Qa2 Nd4 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.Bf4 e5 20.Be3 f5 21.exf5 gxf5 22.Qa3 Qd6 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.Qb2 Theory 1C: 2... g6 & 3... Bg7-Theory,C;
C) 12...Nxe2+ 13.Qxe2 Nc7 14.Qd2 b5 15.b4 bxc4 16.bxc5 Rb3 17.Rxb3 cxb3 18.c6 Be6 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Theory 1C: 2... g6 & 3... Bg7-Theory,C]

12...Nc7 0.16/22
[12...Nc6∓ -0.34/21]
13.Bxd4 -0.28/26
[13.b4 0.16/22]
13...cxd4= 14.Na4 Black has an edge.
14...Na8 Repels Nb6 **15.b4 b5**

(Diagram)

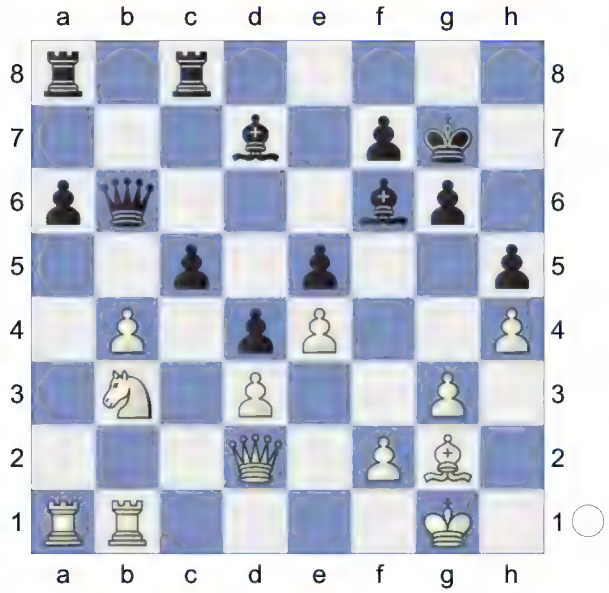


16.axb6 Nxb6 17.Qd2 Bd7 0.10/21
[17...Nd7∓ -0.46/19]
18.Nxb6 Qxb6 0.45/22
[18...Rxb6= 0.03/21 19.h4 h5]
19.Rfb1± Rfc8 20.Qa2 Ra8 1.31/18
[20...Qd8± 0.42/20]



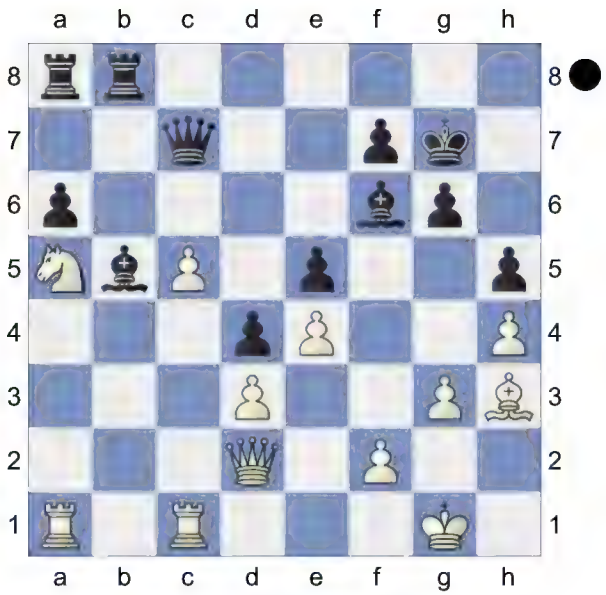
21.h4 0.48/20
[21.e5± 1.31/18]
21...e5 22.Nc1 0.07/21
[22.Qd2± 0.46/21]
22...Bf6 23.Qd2 Kg7 24.Nb3 -0.28/21
[24.Kh2± 0.41/18]

24...h5 0.15/20
[24...Rab8 -0.28/21 was preferable.]
25.c5 -0.93/18
[25.Kh2= 0.15/20]
25...dxc5!∓

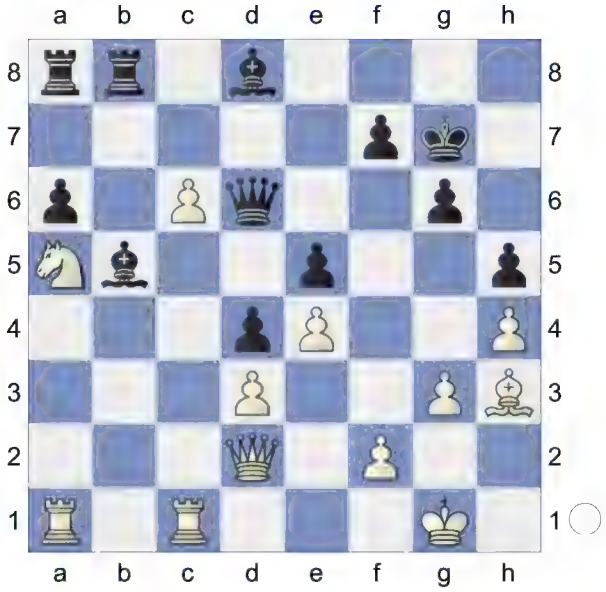


26.bxc5 -1.38/21
[⌓26.Nxc5 -0.78/20 Bb5 27.Bh3]
26...Qc7 -0.88/21
[⌓26...Qe6! -1.38/21 27.Kh2 Be7]
27.Rc1 Bb5 0.07/21
[Better is 27...Qa7∓ -0.91/20]
28.Bh3= Rcb8 29.Na5 -0.79/24
[29.c6= 0.04/22 keeps the balance.]

(Diagram)

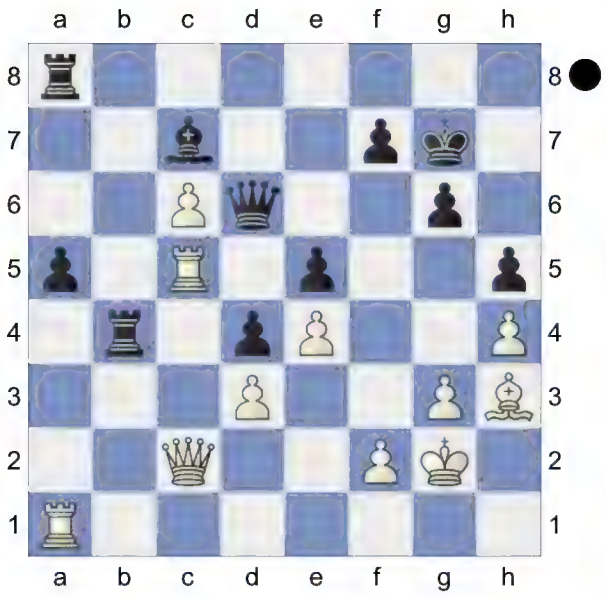


29...Bd8 0.45/20
[29...Be8!∓ -0.79/24]
30.c6!± Qd6 1.15/19
[30...Ra7± 0.42/20]



31.Nc4 -0.31/20 White is more active.
[31.Nb7± 1.15/19 Qc7 32.Nxd8 Rxd8 33.Bd7]
31...Bxc4∓ 32.Rxc4 Bc7 33.Kg2 a5 34.Qc2 Prevents Rb3 **34...Rb4 35.Rc5**

(Diagram)



Rb2!

Deflection **36.Qxb2 Qxc5 37.Rc1 Qb4 38.Qa2 a4 39.Rb1 Qc5 40.g4** -0.84/19

[40.Bd7= 0.00/20]

40...hxg4

[40...Rh8 looks sharper. 41.Rh1 Qb5 42.gxh5 Qxd3 43.Qb1 Qe2]

(Diagram)

41.Bxg4 Qxc6 and ...Qf6 would now be decisive **42.h5 gxh5 43.Bxh5 Rf8** -0.01/20

[43...Qd7∓ -0.43/21]

44.Qe2 Qh6 45.Qg4+ Kh8? 3.04/18

[45...Kh7!= 0.25/19 46.Qf5+ Kg7]

Black is weak on the light squares

46.Rh1+- Rg8? 4.91/30

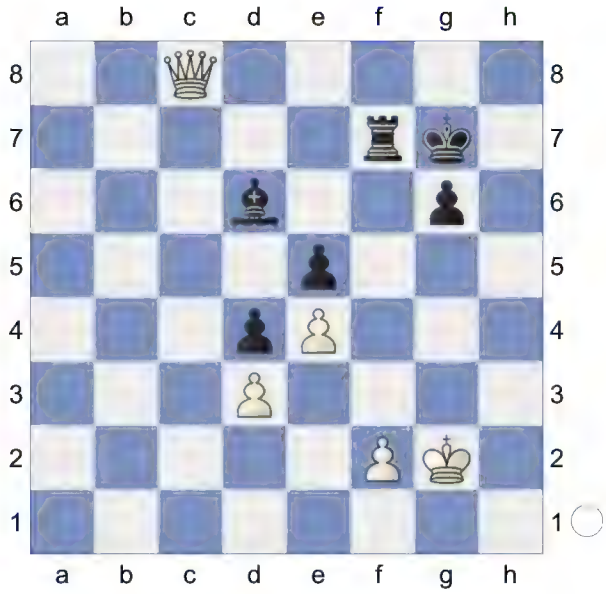
[46...Qh7 3.04/18 47.Qg3 a3]

(Diagram)

47.Bg6! Pin, Discovered Attack
47...Qxh1+ 48.Kxh1 White threatens Qh3+ and mate. **48...fxg6** Endgame KQ-KRB **49.Qd7 Rg7 50.Qxa4** Hoping for f4!. **50...Rf7**

51.Kg2 1.68/28
[⌓51.f4 3.33/24]
51...Kg7 1.27/27
[51...g5+- 1.68/28 52.Qe8+ Kg7]
52.Qc6 0.58/26
[White should play 52.Qe8± 1.27/27]
52...Bb8? 3.61/22
[52...g5!± 0.58/26 53.Qe6 Bb8]

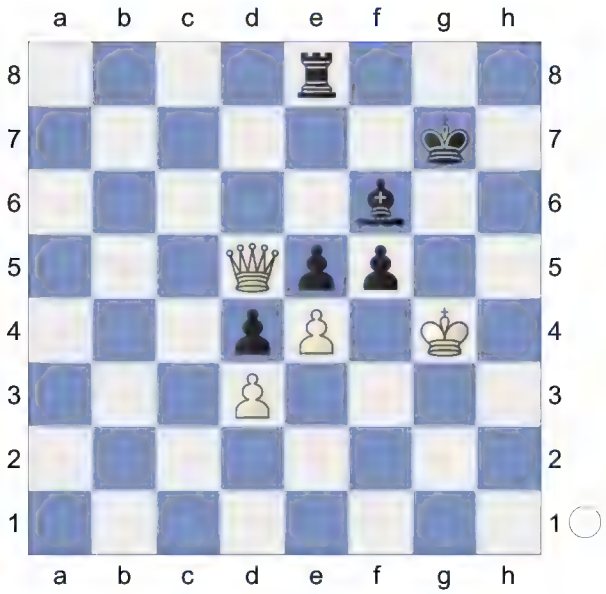
53.Qe6? 1.19/28
[53.f4+- 3.61/22]
53...Bc7 54.Qc8 Bd6 2.40/25
[54...g5± 1.18/28 is a better defense. 55.Qe6 Bb8]



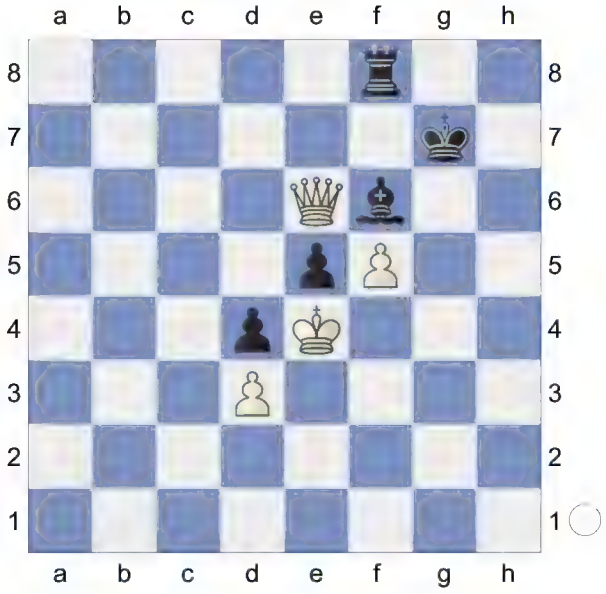
55.Qd8? 0.38/26
[55.f4!+- 2.40/25]
55...Be7±

56.Qd5 Bf6 57.Kg3 Rc7 58.Kg4 Re7 59.f4 Re8 0.38/34
[59...exf4= 0.00/34 60.Kf3 *(60.Kxf4 Kh7±)* 60...Be5]

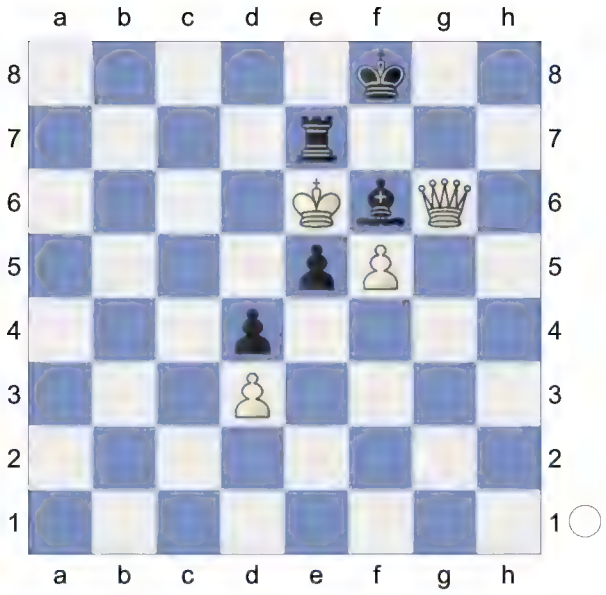
60.f5 gxf5+? 2.06/30
[60...Rf8± 0.38/32 61.Qd7+ Rf7]



61.exf5? 0.23/35
[61.Kxf5+- 2.06/30 Rf8 62.Qd7+ Rf7 63.Qe8]
61...Rf8 62.Kf3 Rf7 63.Ke4 Rf8 64.Qd7+ Rf7 65.Qe6 Rf8



66.Qc6 Rf7 67.Kd5 Rf8 68.Ke6 Rf7
69.Qg2+? 10.25/18
[69.Qd5± 0.43/33 Rf8 70.Qg2+ Kh8 71.Kd5]
69...Kf8+- 70.Qg6 Deflection **70...Re7+**



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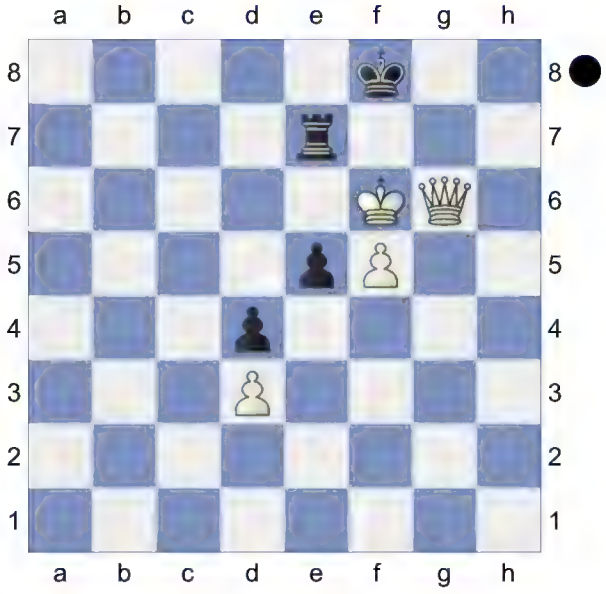
71.Kxf6



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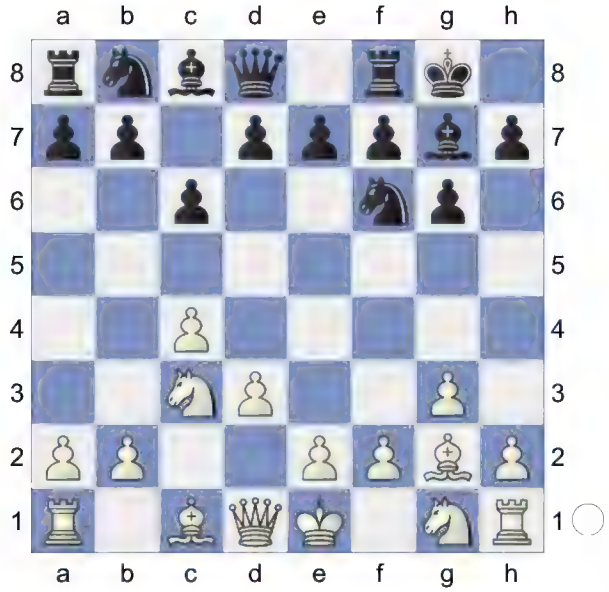
29 **A16**
□ **Ooopscheck** **2909**
■ **Etopak** **2721**
Blitz 18.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A16: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...d5
Inf 3/18 **1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nc3 0-0 5.d3 c6**

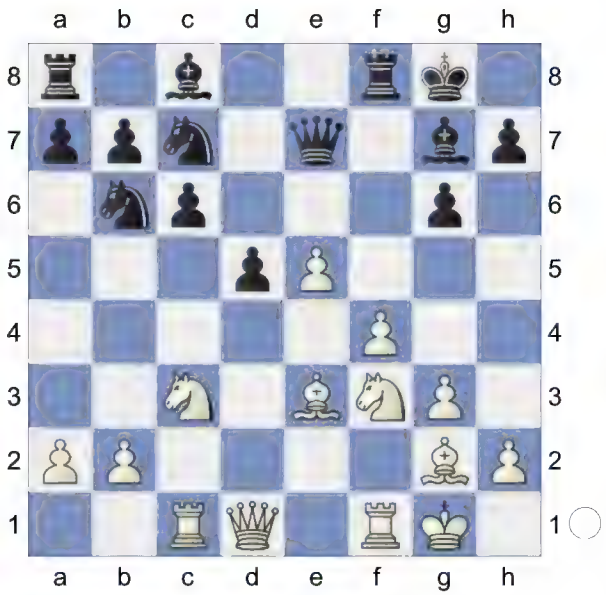


6.e4 e6 0.87/21
[6...c5= 0.30/23]
[6...d6 7.Nge2 a6 *(7...Na6 8.0-0 Rb8 9.a4 Nb4 10.Be3 a5 11.h3 e6 12.d4 e5 13.Qd2 exd4 14.Nxd4 Re8 15.Rad1 Qe7 16.Rfe1 Nd7 17.Nc2 Ne5 18.Na3 Be6 19.b3 Bf8 20.f4 Nd7 21.Qf2 Nc5 22.Bxc5* ½-½ (61) Campos,J (2220)-Lohani,S (1754) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Early blitz 2023 (11)*)* 8.a4 a5 9.h3 Na6 10.Be3 Nb4 11.f4 Nd7 12.d4 e6 13.0-0 f5 14.e5 d5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Na2 Nxa2 17.Rxa2 Nb8 18.Nc1 Na6 19.Nd3 Be6 20.Qd2 Rf7 21.b4 ½-½ Reinderman,D (2526)-L'Ami,E (2600) (ch) 102/(9) 2008]

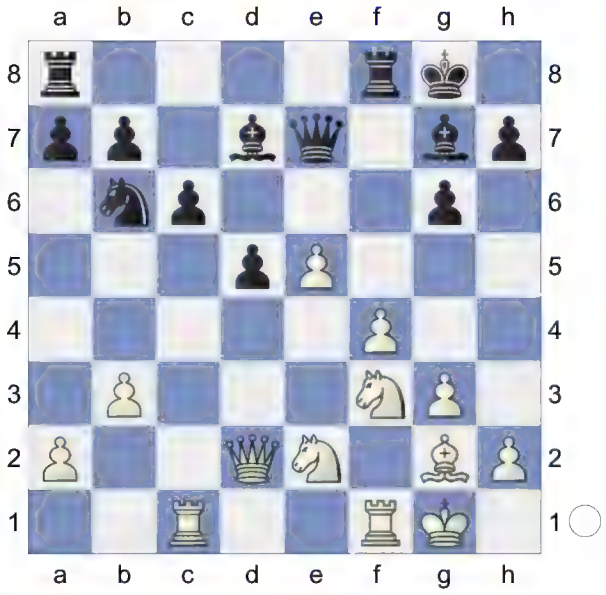
7.d4N
[7.Nge2 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 cxd5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nf4 A 16/03 2000 Bf5 13.Nxd5 Re8 14.Be3 Qd7 15.Rc1 Re5 16.Rc5 Bh3 17.d4 Rh5 18.Nf4 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Rxc5 20.dxc5 Qf5 21.Qb1 Qe5 22.Rd1 a5 23.b3 Re8 24.Rd5 Qe7 25.h3 h5 26.a3 h4 27.g4 1-0 (37) Taimanov,M-Gufeld,E USSR (ch) 3/18 1966 Qc7 28.Qd3 Ne5 29.Qb5 Qe7 30.Rd6 Nxg4 31.hxg4 Qe4+ 32.Kh2 g5 33.Nh5 Be5+ 34.f4 Kf8 35.Qd3 Qf3 36.fxe5 Qxg4 37.Rh6 1-0 Taimanov,M-Gufeld,E Tbilisi 3/18 1967]
7...d5 8.e5 Nfd7 White is slightly better.
9.cxd5 exd5 10.f4 f6

11.Nf3! fxe5 12.dxe5 Na6 1.38/21
[⌓12...Qb6 0.75/21]
13.0-0± Nc7 14.Be3 Qe7 15.Rc1 Nb6

(Diagram)

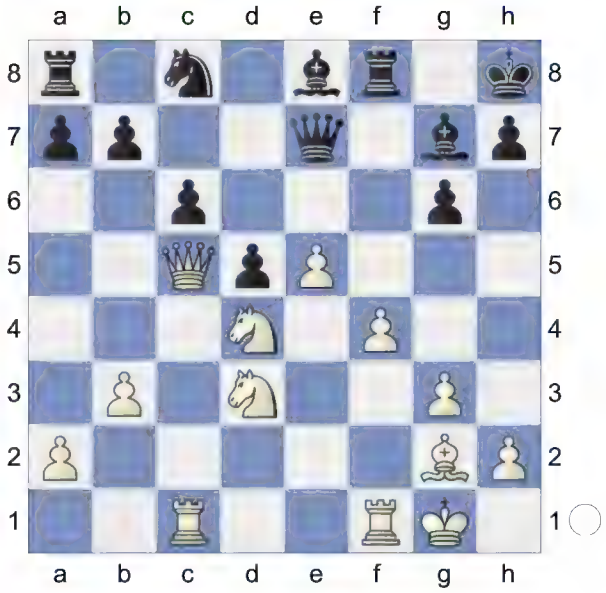


16.Ne2 1.08/19
[White should try 16.b3 1.60/22]
16...Nc4 17.Bd4 Nb5 18.b3 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Nb6 1.23/20
[⌓19...Nd6 0.72/21]
20.Qd2 Bd7



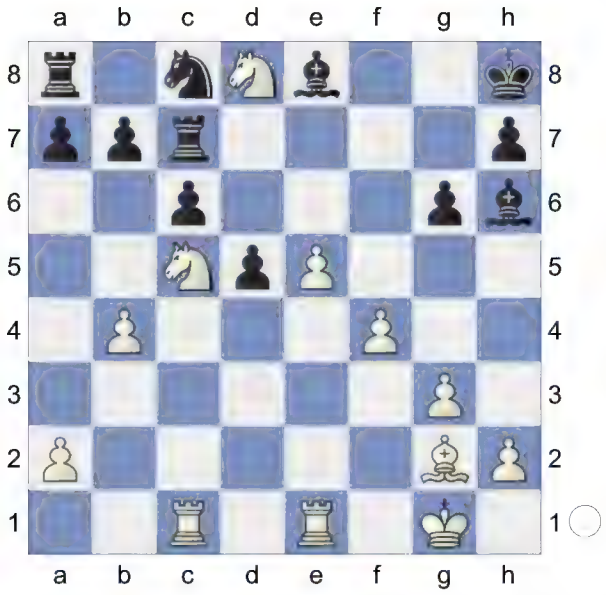
21.Ned4 Rac8 1.68/22
[21...c5± 1.08/19]
22.Qa5+- Ra8 23.Ne1 Nc8 24.Nd3 0.83/18
[⌓24.Qc3 1.55/20]
24...Be8 2.20/20
[24...Nd6± 0.83/18]

25.Qc5 Kh8 2.04/22
[25...Qxc5 1.68/20 is a better defense. 26.Nxc5 Rf7]



26.b4 Qxc5 27.Nxc5
[27.bxc5 Bd7 28.Bf3 Ne7±]
27...Rf7 28.Rfe1 1.52/20
[28.b5+- 1.99/23]
28...Bf8± 29.Nde6 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **29...Bh6** 2.99/19
[29...Be7± 1.60/20 30.Bf1 *(30.Nxb7 Bxb4 31.Nbd8 Bxe1=)* 30...Nb6]
30.Nd8+- Rc7

(Diagram)



31.Ndxb7

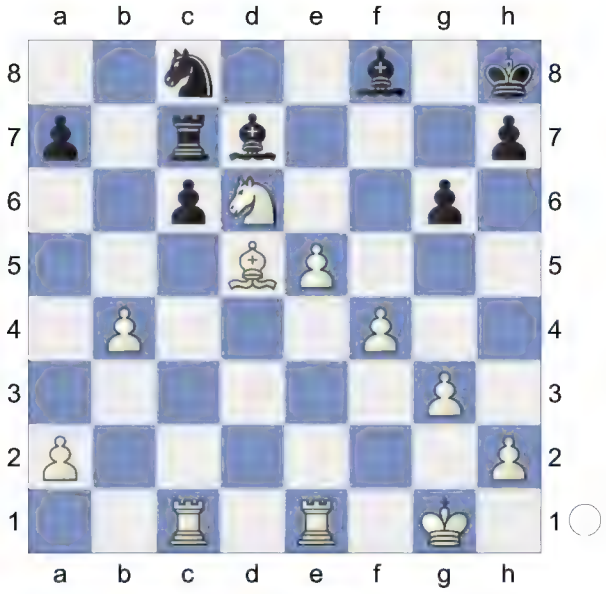
[31.Ncxb7 Ne7±]

31...Rb8 32.Nd6 Bd7 5.64/19

[⌓32...Nxd6 3.93/20 33.exd6 *(33.Na6 Nb5+-)* 33...Rf7]

33.Na6 Excellent horsemanship.

33...Rbb7 34.Nxc7 Rxc7 35.Bxd5 Bf8



36.b5 c5 37.a4 Nxd6 38.exd6 Bxd6 39.Rcd1 c4

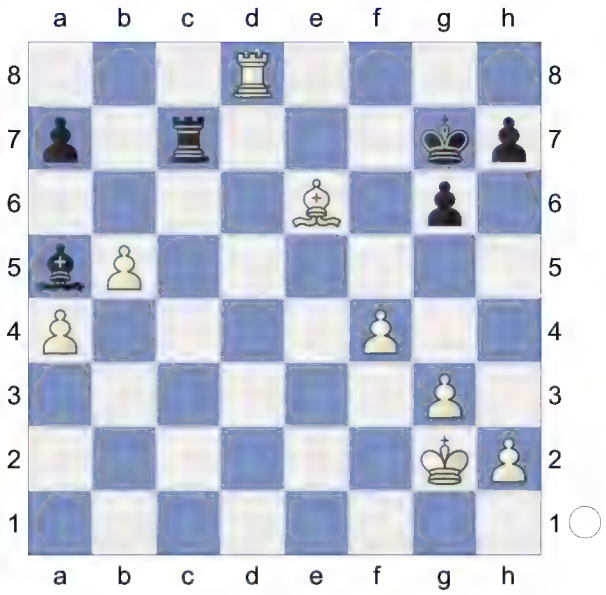
(Diagram)

40.Bxc4 Discovered Attack **40...Bc5+**

41.Kg2 Bg4 42.Rd8+ Kg7 43.Be6 Bb4

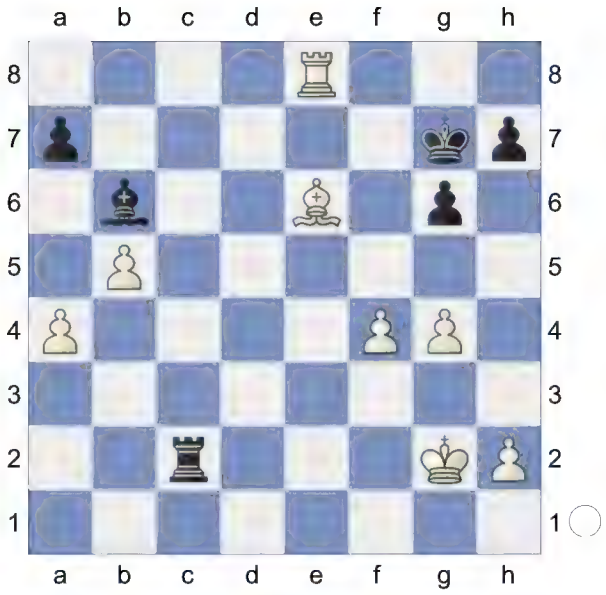
(Diagram)

44.Bxg4! **Bxe1** Endgame KRB-KRB. White is two pawns up. **45.Be6** **Ba5**

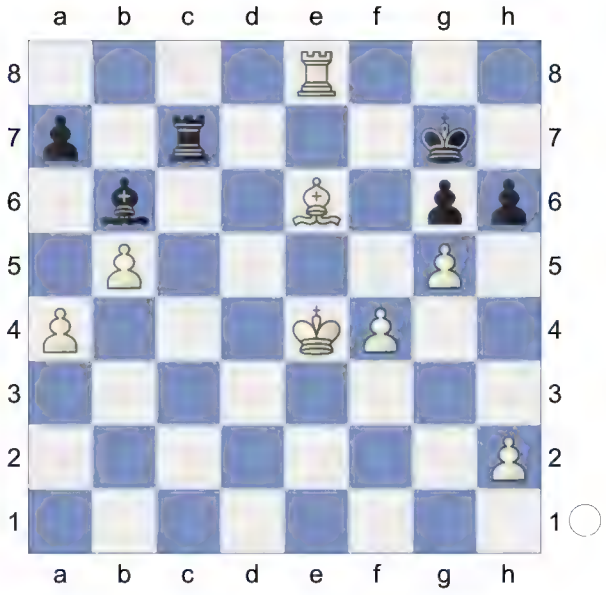


46.g4?? -4.22/17
[46.Rd6+- 2.74/18]
46...Bb6?? 3.25/19
[46...Rc2+-+ -4.22/17 47.Kf3 Bxd8]
47.Re8 **Rc2+**

(Diagram)

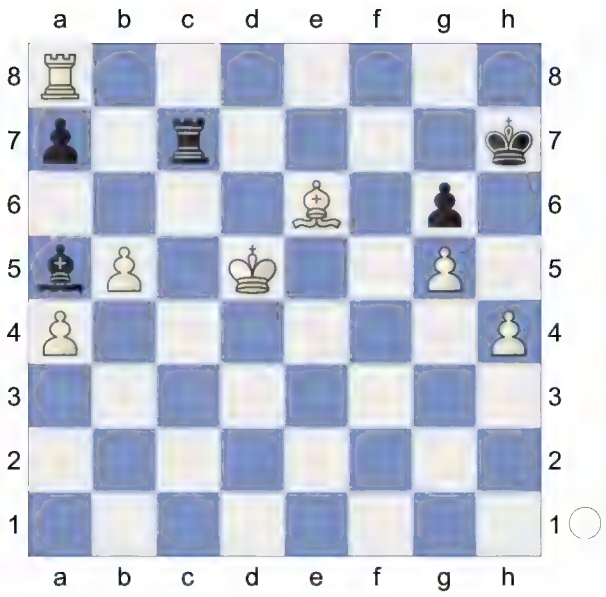


48.Kf3! **Rc3+** **49.Ke4** **Rc7** **50.g5** **h6**



51.h4 **hxg5** **52.fxg5** **Bc5?** 6.52/24
[52...Bf2 3.42/20 53.h5 gxh5 54.Rg8+ Kh7]
53.Kd5 **Bb4** **54.Rg8+** **Kh7** **55.Ra8** **Ba5?** 6.19/21
[55...Kg7 3.40/21 56.Ke5 Kh7]

(Diagram)



56.Kd6 Bb6 57.Rb8 and Rxb6! would now be decisive **57...Ba5 58.Bd5 Rg7** and ...Bc7+ should not be overlooked **59.Bc6??** -3.07/19

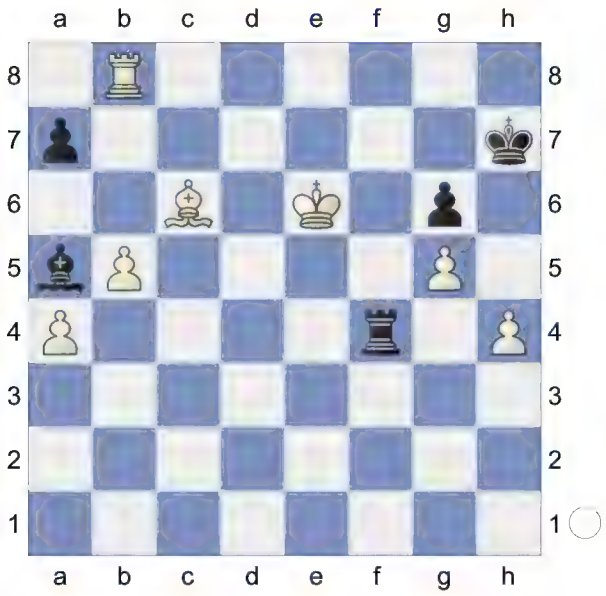
[59.Ra8+- 5.42/19 and life is good for White.]

59...Rf7?? 5.41/20

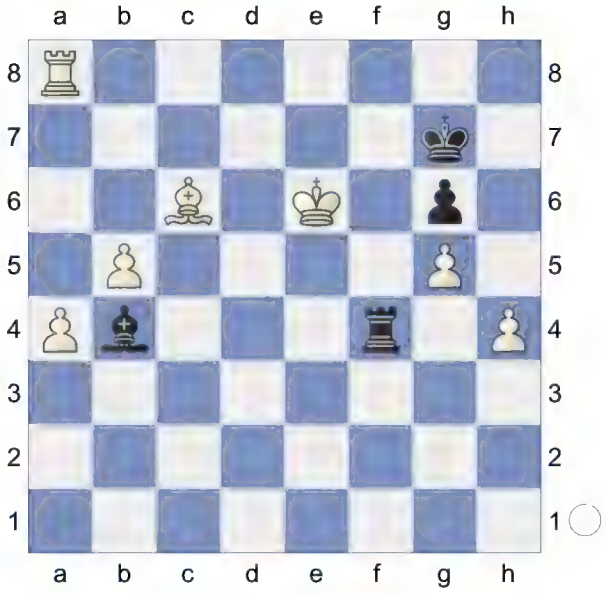
[59...Bc7+-+ -3.07/19 and life is good for Black. 60.Kc5 Bxb8]

60.Ke6 Rf4 7.36/19

[⌓60...Rc7 4.13/20 61.Bd5 Bb4]



61.Rb7+ Kh8 62.Rb8+ Kg7 63.Rb7+ Kh8 64.Rxa7 Bb4 65.Ra8+ Kg7

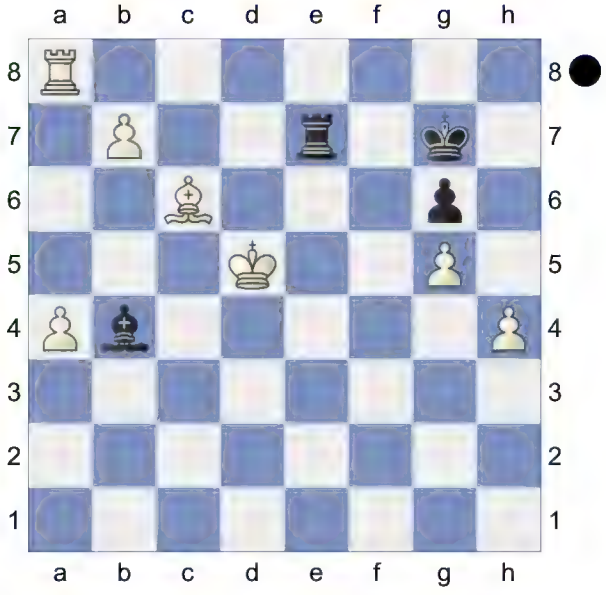


66.b6 White wants to mate with b7.

66...Rf7 67.b7 Re7+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.48

68.Kd5



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30 **A22**
□ **Reinforcementtrial** **2903**
■ **Arasanx** **2884**
Rapid 15.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6
A22: Ouverture anglaise (avec 2...Cf6)
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e4 d6

6.d3
[6.Nge2 a6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3 Rb8 9.h3 b5 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 Ne7 12.d4 c6 13.a3 Ba5 14.b4 Bb6 15.Bb2 cxd5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Bxe5 Rb7 18.exd5 Rd7 19.Nf4 Bb7 20.Ra2 Bxd5 ½-½ (44) Harikrishna,P (2612)-L'Ami,E (2516) Monde (championnat junior) 2004 (9)]
6...Bg4N
[6...Nc6 7.Nge2 Bc5 8.0-0 Nd4 *(8...a6 9.h3 h6 10.Kh2 Nd4 11.f4)* 9.Rb1 a5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Qe1 c6 12.Be3 Re8 13.b3 Rb8 14.a3 Bd7 15.Bxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 c5 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 b5 19.cxb5 Rxb5 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Qd2 ½-½ (22) Bellmann,H (2474)-Windhausen,G (2510) corr Rochade-25/TT 2014 [1] Qb6 22.Rxb5 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2500)-Lopes,M (2125) corr RCCA 20/pr01 2013]
7.f3 Be6 8.f4 Bg4 9.Bf3 Bxf3 10.Nxf3 Bc5

11.Kf1 Ng4

12.Qe2 Nf2 13.Rg1 Nh3 14.Rh1 Nf2 15.Rg1 Nh3

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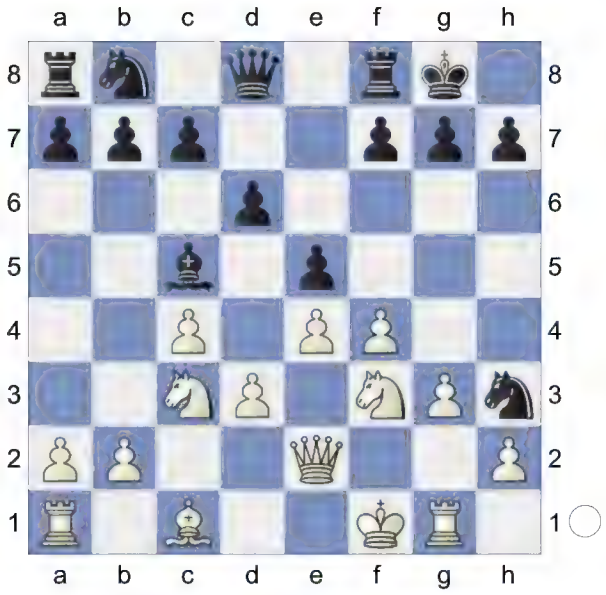
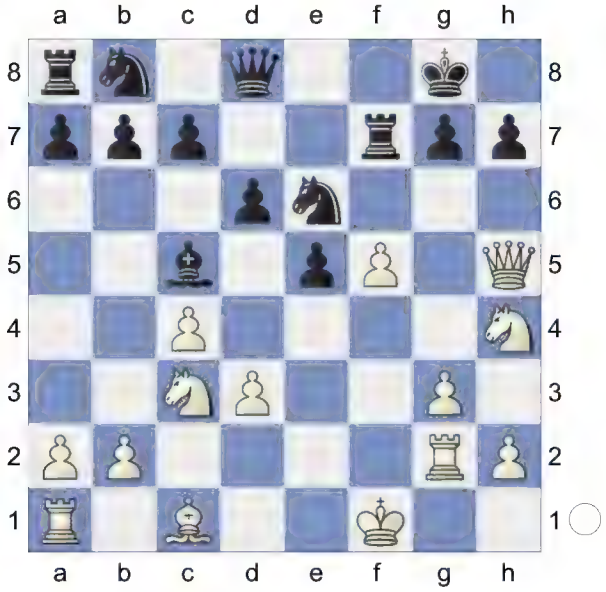
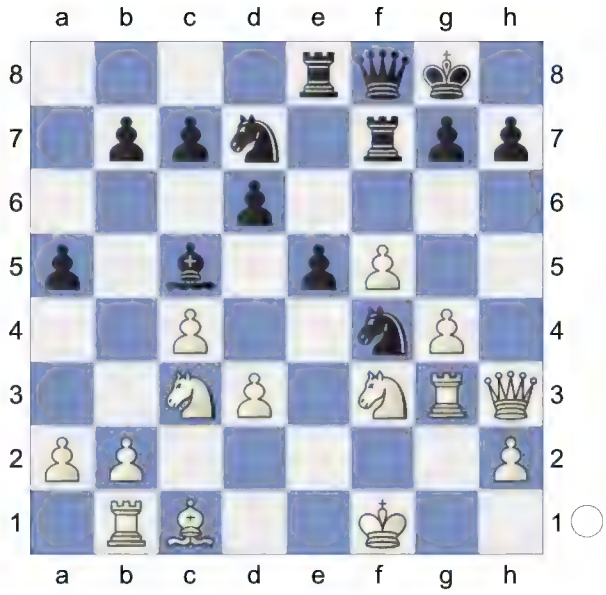


16.Rg2 f5 17.exf5 Rxf5 18.Nh4 Rf7 19.f5 Ng5 20.Qh5 Ne6

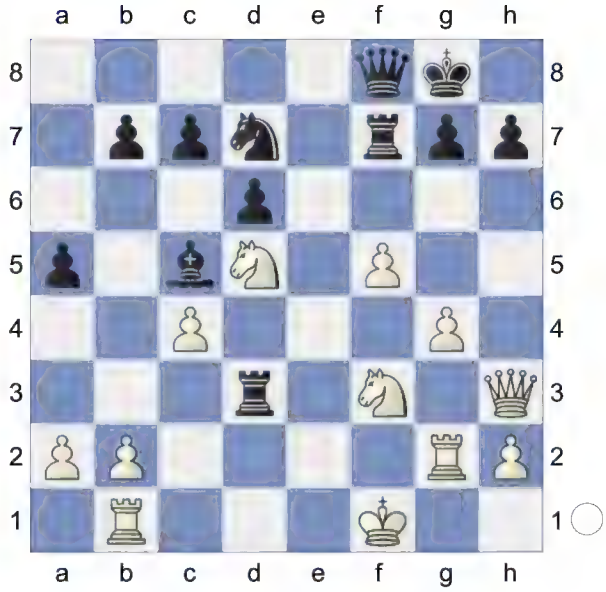


21.g4! Nd7 22.Nf3! Qf8! 23.Qh3
White is much more active.
[23.fxe6 Rxf3+ 24.Ke2 Rf1∓
(24...Nf6? 25.Qf7+ Qxf7 26.exf7+ Kxf7 27.Kxf3+-)]
23...Re8 24.Rb1 a5 25.Rg3 Nf4

(Diagram)

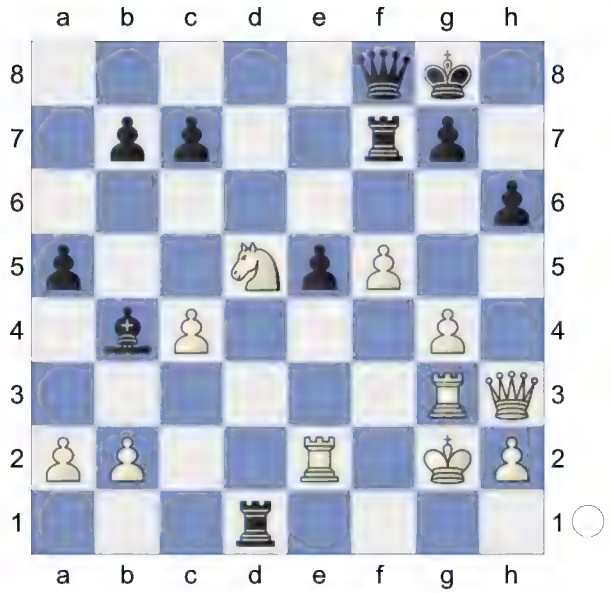


26.Bxf4 exf4 27.Rg2 Re3! 28.Nd5
[28.d4 seems wilder. Bxd4 29.Nd5 Rf6 30.Rd2]
28...Rxd3 29.Nxf4 A dynamic duo of knights. **29...Re3 30.Nd5 Rd3**

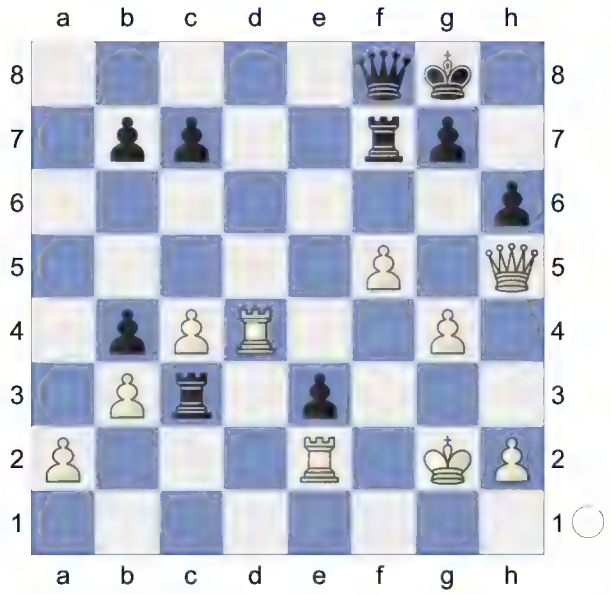


31.Rg3! h6 Against Ng5 **32.Re1**
[32.Nxc7 Nf6 33.Ne6 Qc8=]
[32.Ke2 Rxd5 33.cxd5 Qe8+ 34.Kd1 Nf6-+ *(34...Qe4 35.Nd2∓)*]
32...Bb4 33.Re2 Ne5 34.Nxe5 Rd1+ 35.Kg2 dxe5

(Diagram)

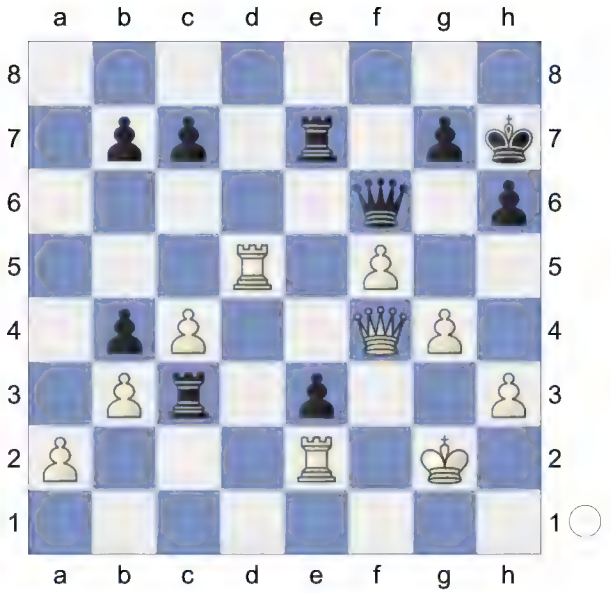


36.Rd3
[36.Rxe5? Bd6 37.Re2 Bxg3 38.Qxg3 Qc5-+]
36...Rc1 37.Nxb4
[37.Rxe5 Rc2+ 38.Kf3 Bc5∓]
37...axb4 38.b3 e4 39.Rd4 Rc3
Repels Qe3. The position is equal.
40.Qh5 e3

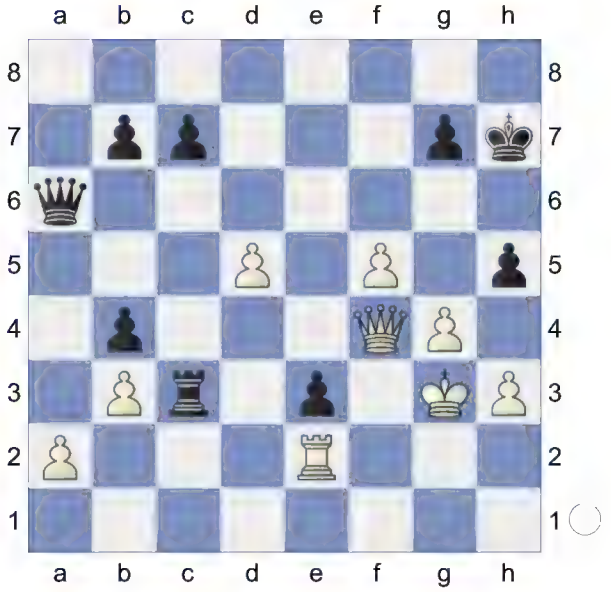


41.Qh4 Re7 42.Qg3 Qf6 43.Qf4 Kh7 44.h3 Re8 45.Rd5 Re7

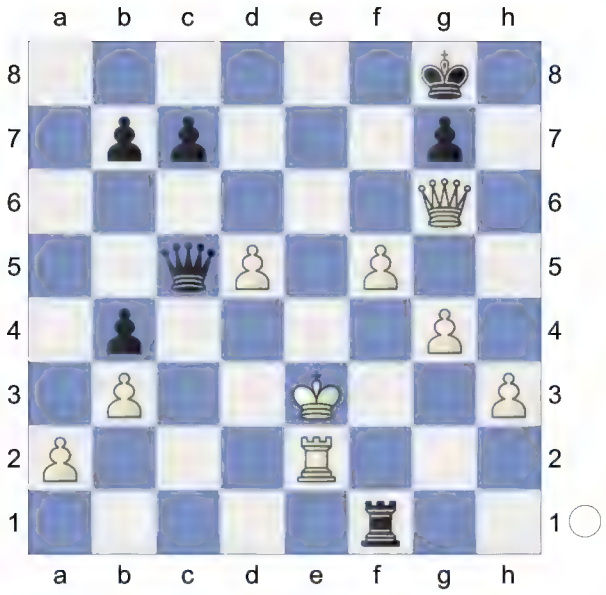
(Diagram)



46.Rd4 Re8 47.Rd1 Re5 48.Kg3 h5 49.Rd5 Rxd5 50.cxd5= Endgame KQR-KQR **50...Qa6**



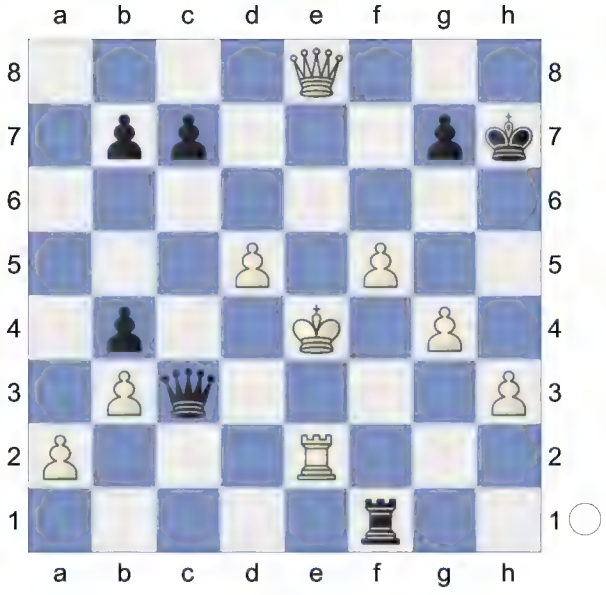
51.Kf3
[51.Rxe3 Qb6 52.Kf2 hxg4 53.hxg4 Qc5]
51...Rc1!
[But not 51...Qd3?! 52.Qe4+-]
52.Qg5
[52.Qxe3? Rc3 53.a4 Rxe3+-+]
52...Rf1+ 53.Kxe3 Qb5! 54.Qxh5+ Kg8 55.Qg6 Qc5+
(Diagram)



56.Ke4 Qc3 57.Qe6+ Kh8 58.Qe8+ Kh7 59.Qh5+ Kg8 60.Qe8+

[60.g5!? Re1□ 61.Qe8+ Kh7 62.Qh5+ Kg8=]

60...Kh7



(-> ...Qf3+) **61.Qg6+ Kg8 62.Qe6+ Kh8 63.Re3**

[63.g5!? Qf3+□ 64.Kd4 Qc3+ 65.Ke4=]

63...Qd2 64.Qe8+ Kh7 65.Qh5+ Kg8

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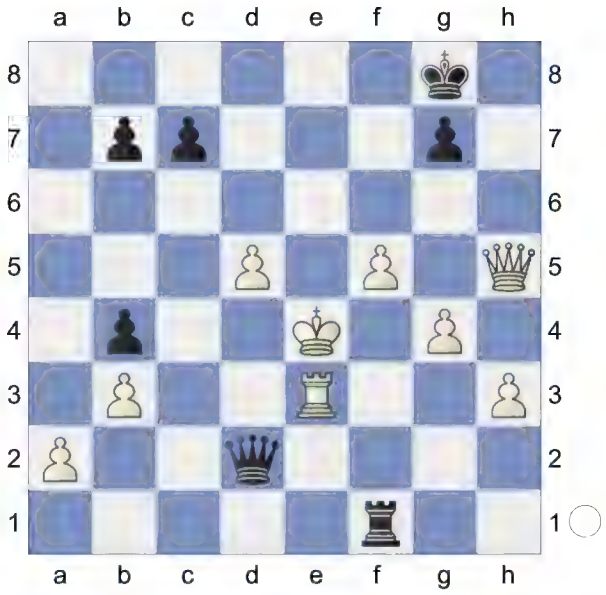
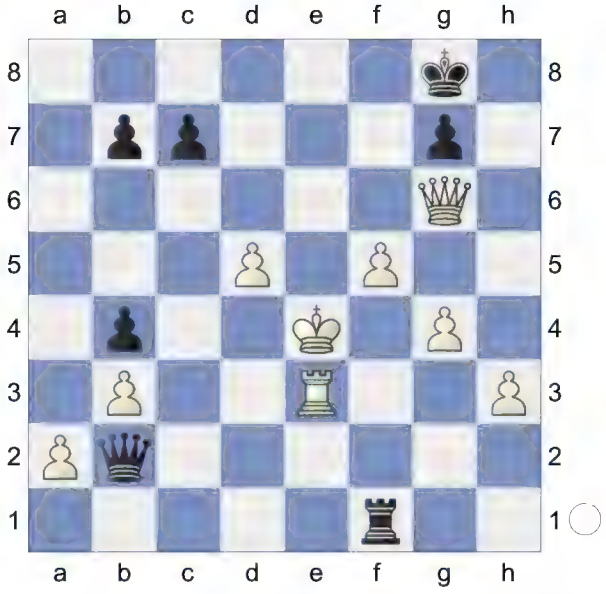


66.Qe8+ Kh7 67.Qe6 Qb2 68.Qg6+ Kg8 69.Qe8+ Kh7 70.Qg6+ Kg8



71.Qe8+ Kh7 72.Qe7 Qf2 Inhibits Qh4+. **73.Qe6**

[73.Qxb4? Qf4+ *(73...Qxa2? 74.Ke5+-)* 74.Kd3 Qxb4-+]

[73.Qxc7? Qg2+ 74.Kd4 Rd1+ 75.Kc5 Rc1+ *(75...Rxd5+ 76.Kxb4 Qxa2 77.Rc3=)* 76.Kb6 Rxc7 77.Kxc7 Qxd5-+ *(77...Qxa2 78.d6=)*]

73...Kh8 74.Qe8+ Kh7 75.Qg6+ Kg8

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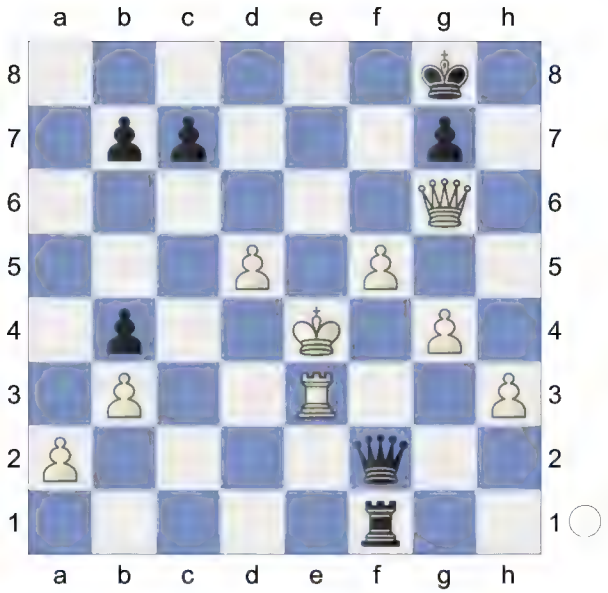
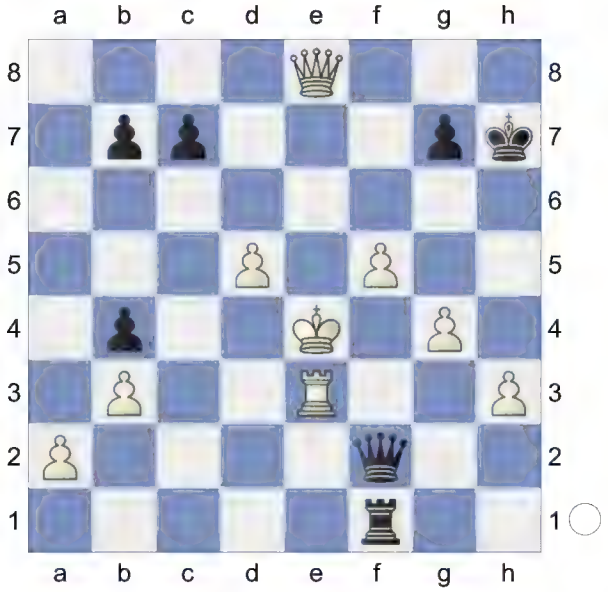


76.Qe6+ Kh7 77.Kd3 White threatens Qg6+ and mate. **77...Rd1+! 78.Ke4! Rf1 79.Qg6+ Kg8 80.Qe8+ Kh7**



81.Qe6 Kh8 82.h4 Qd2 83.h5 Hoping for h6. **83...c6 84.Qe8+ Kh7 85.Qg6+**

[85.dxc6 Qxe3+ 86.Kxe3 Re1+ 87.Kd4 Rxe8 88.cxb7 Rb8-+]

85...Kg8

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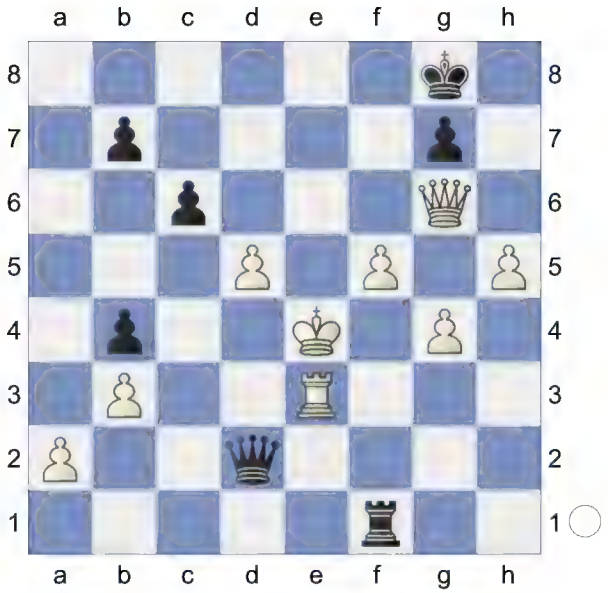
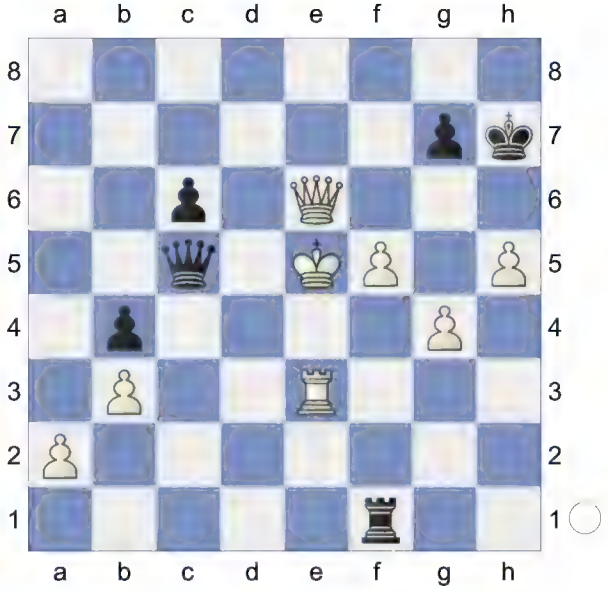


86.Qe6+ Kh8 Threatens to win with ... cxd5+. **87.dxc6 bxc6 88.Qe8+ Kh7 89.Qe6** Prevents Qd5+

[89.Qxc6? too greedy. Qg2+ *(89...Qxa2 90.Qd6±)* 90.Ke5 Qxc6-+]

89...Qc2+ 90.Ke5 Qc5+



91.Ke4 Qc2+ 92.Ke5 Qc5+ 93.Ke4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

93...Qc2+

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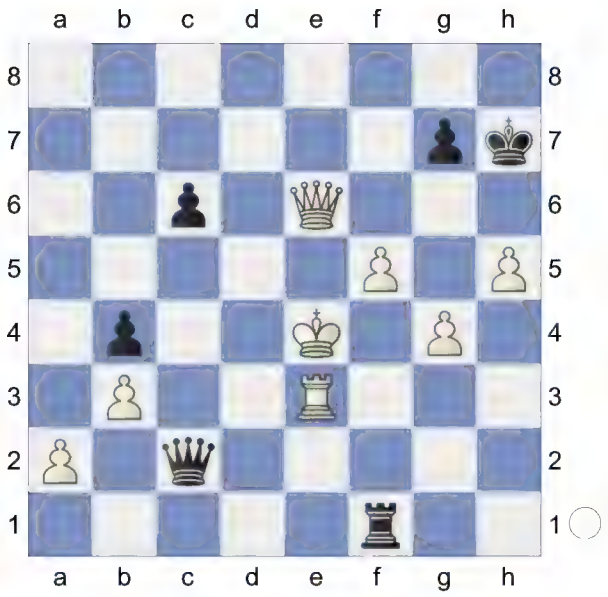


½-½

31 **A26**
□ **Howitzer14** **2900**
■ **Jupiter435** **2671**
Blitz 12.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6

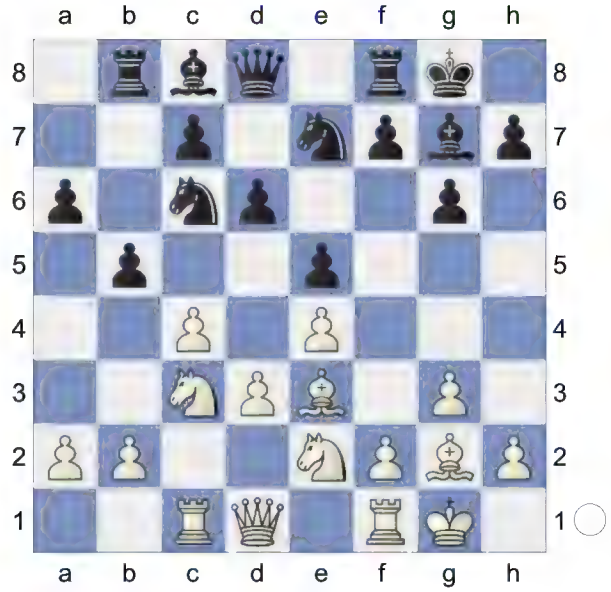
(Diagram)

6.d3 Nge7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 a6
[8...Bd7 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.cxd5 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Bf4 Qe7 13.Qb3 Rfb8 14.Qa3 a5 15.Rac1 Qd8 16.Rc2 Bf8 17.b3 Bb5 18.Rd1 c5 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Qc1 a4 21.e5 axb3 22.axb3 d5 23.e6 1-0 (39) Delchev,A (2560)-Efimov,I (2540) ITA-chT32nd sf-B 2000 (1.2)]
[8...Rb8 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Be6 11.Nd5 b5 12.Nxe7+ Nxe7 13.Bxa7 fxe4 14.Bxb8 Qxb8 15.cxb5 Qxb5 16.dxe4 Nc6 17.a4 Qb7 18.Rfc1 Qb6 19.Qe3 Nd4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Qd2 d3 22.Rf1 Bc4 23.Rac1 0-1 (45) Farhat,J (1890)-Vayanos,G (2049) LIB-chT Beirut 2025 (6.3)]
9.Be3 b5N
[9...Nd4 10.Qd2 Nec6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Kh1 b5 13.b3 bxc4 14.dxc4 Nxe2 15.Qxe2 Nd4 16.Qd2 a5 17.Nc3 Bd7 18.Rab1 Rb8 19.Ne2 c5 20.Nc3 Bc6 21.Qd3 Qd7 22.Bd2 h5 23.h4 Kh7 24.Kh2 0-1 (39) Kucich,J (1610)-Romero Barreto,J (2367) Santa Fe Perez op 2023 (1) a4 25.Nd5 axb3 26.axb3 Bxd5 27.cxd5 Qb5 28.Qxb5 Rxb5 29.b4 Rfb8

30.f4 R8b7 31.fxe5 Bxe5 32.Bf4 Rxb4 33.Ra1 Rb2 34.Kh1 Bxf4 35.gxf4 Nc2 36.Ra6 Ne3 37.Rg1 Rf2 38.Ra3 Nxg2 39.Rxg2
0-1 Lambert (1610)-Shakuro,P (2367) 101/234 Kemeri 2007 (1)]

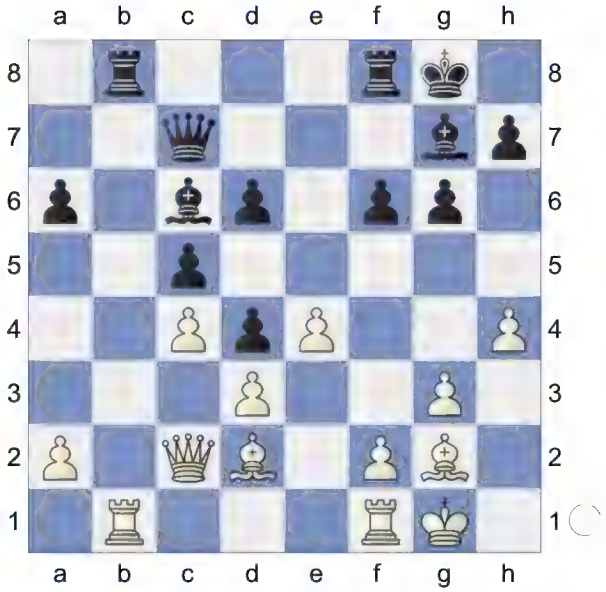
10.Rc1 0.00/22
[10.Nd5± 0.39/19 was preferable.]

10...Rb8



11.b3 The position is equal. **11...Nd4 12.Nd5 c5 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Bg5 f6 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7**

16.Bd2 bxc4 17.bxc4 Bd7 18.Rb1 Qd8 19.Qc2 Qc7 20.h4 Bc6 0.90/18
[20...h5± 0.33/22]



21.Bh3± f5 1.87/22
[21...Kh8± 0.89/18]

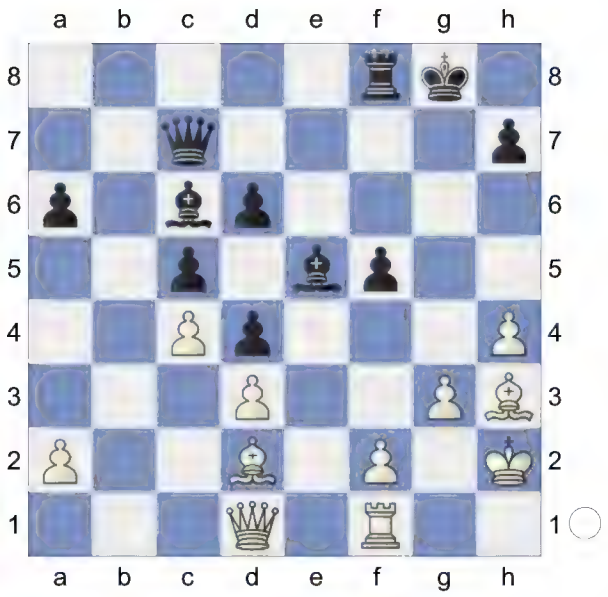
22.Rxb8 Qxb8 23.exf5 gxf5 24.Kh2 1.00/17
[24.Bf4+- 1.78/20]

24...Qc7 1.64/19
[24...Qe8± 1.00/17]

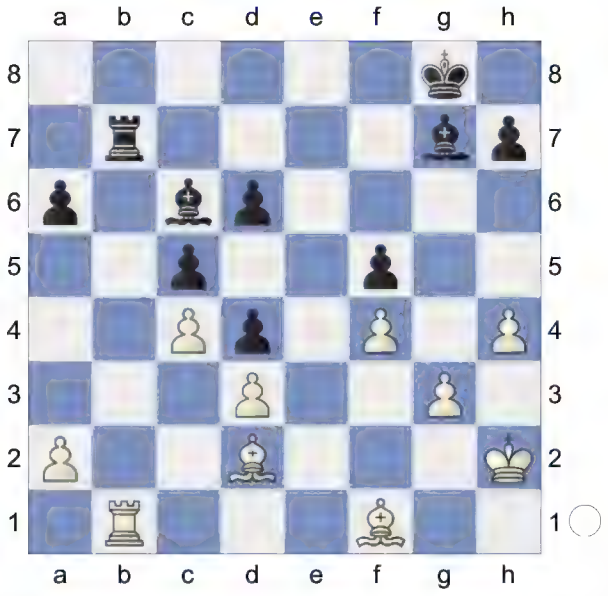
25.Qd1 1.00/18
[25.Re1+- 1.64/19]

25...Be5 1.78/20
[25...Qf7± 1.00/18 was worth a try.]

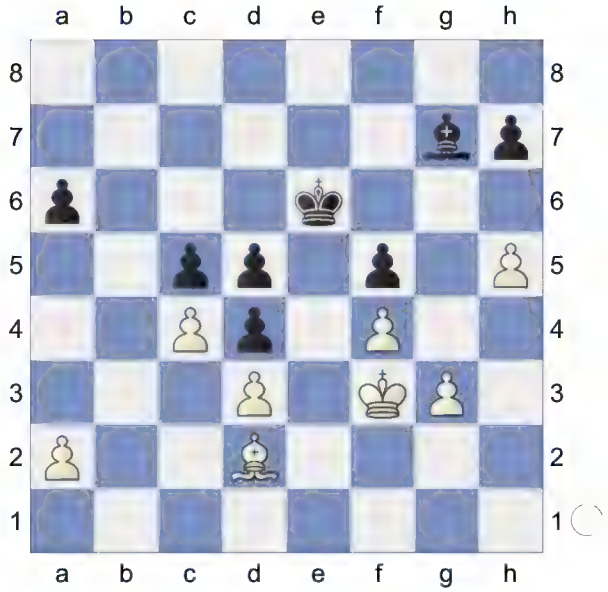
(Diagram)



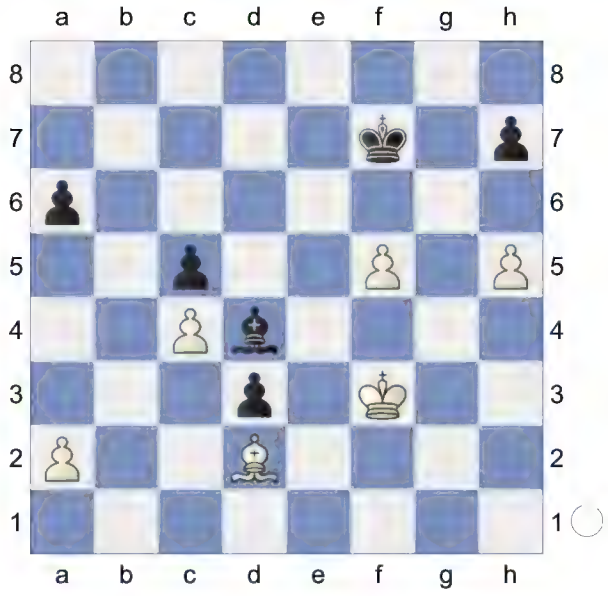
26.f4 0.41/19
[26.Bh6!+- 1.78/20 Bg7 27.Bf4]
26...Bg7± 27.Qh5 -0.07/19
[Better is 27.Re1± 0.45/19]
27...Qf7 0.68/21
[27...Qd7= -0.07/19]
28.Qxf7+ Rxf7 29.Rb1! Re7 30.Bf1 0.19/20 Wards off Re2+
[30.Bxf5 Re2+ 31.Kg1 Rxd2-+]
[30.Ba5± 0.77/20]
30...Rb7



31.Rxb7 Bxb7 Endgame KBB-KBB
32.h5 -0.12/27
[32.Bh3± 0.40/23]
32...Kf7 33.Bg2 Bxg2 34.Kxg2= KB-KB **34...Ke6 35.Kf3 d5**

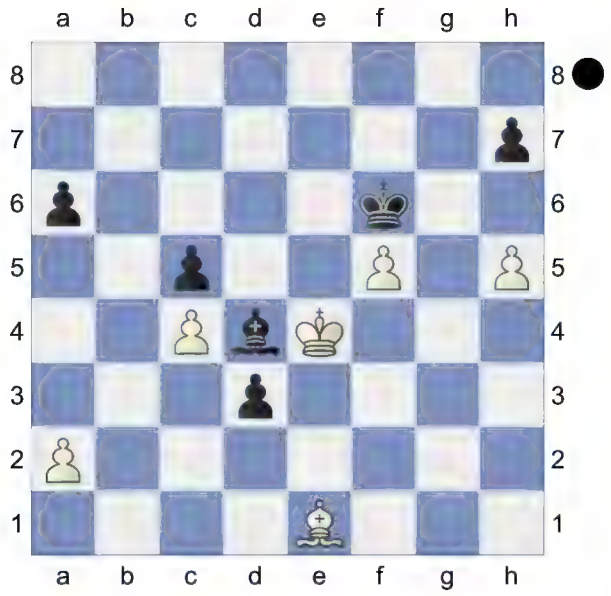


36.g4 dxc4 37.dxc4 fxg4+ 38.Kxg4 d3 39.f5+? -5.31/35
[39.Kf3= 0.00/40 and White stays safe.]
39...Kf7? 0.00/37
[39...Ke5!-+ -5.31/35 And now ...Bf6 would win. 40.Bc3+ Ke4]
40.Kf3 Bd4

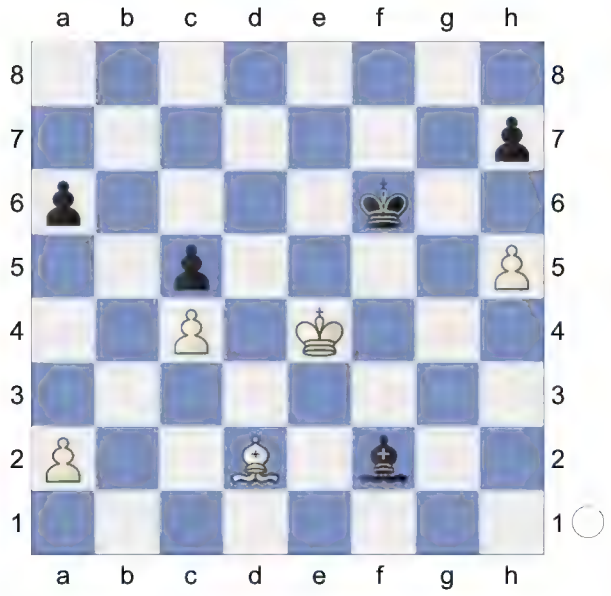


41.Ke4 Kf6 42.Be1
[42.Ba5!? Kg5□ 43.Bd2+ Kxh5

44.Kxd3∓]

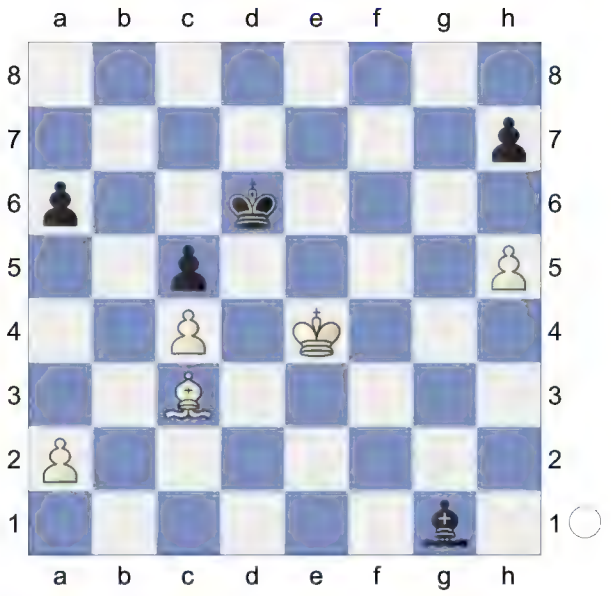


42...Bf2 6.03/32 **43.Bc3+!+-**
[43.Bxf2? d2 44.Bxc5 d1Q-+ *(44...d1B 45.Bd4+ Ke7 46.h6±)*]
43...Kg5 44.f6
[44.Kxd3 Kxf5 45.Bg7 Be1∓]
44...d2 45.Bxd2+ Kxf6

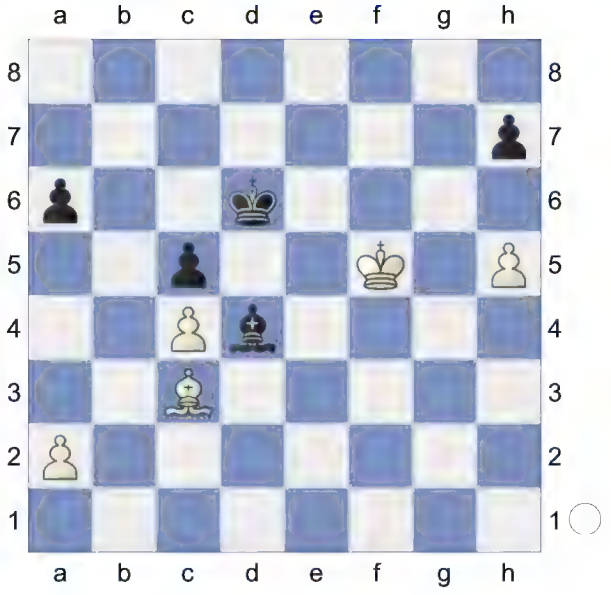


46.Bf4? 0.07/25
[White must play 46.Kd5+- 6.15/35 Kf5 47.Bc1]
46...Ke6= 47.Be5 Bg1 48.Bc3 Kd6 1.40/37

[48...Bh2= 0.07/41]

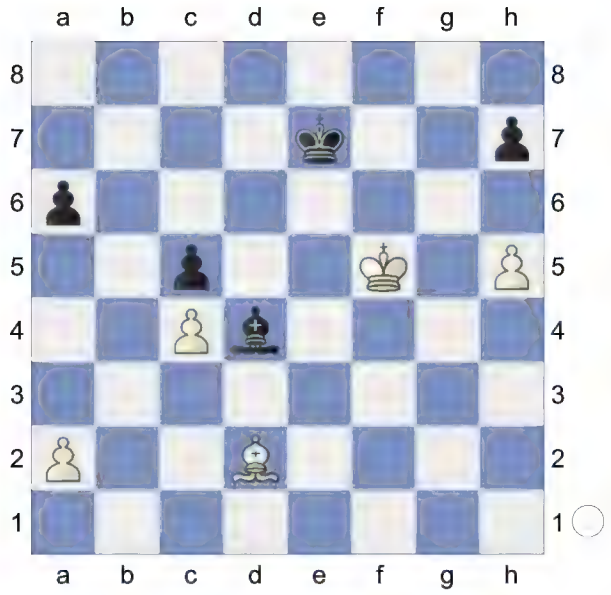


49.Kf5!± Bd4? 10.99/36
[49...Bf2± 1.40/41 50.Ba5 Bd4]



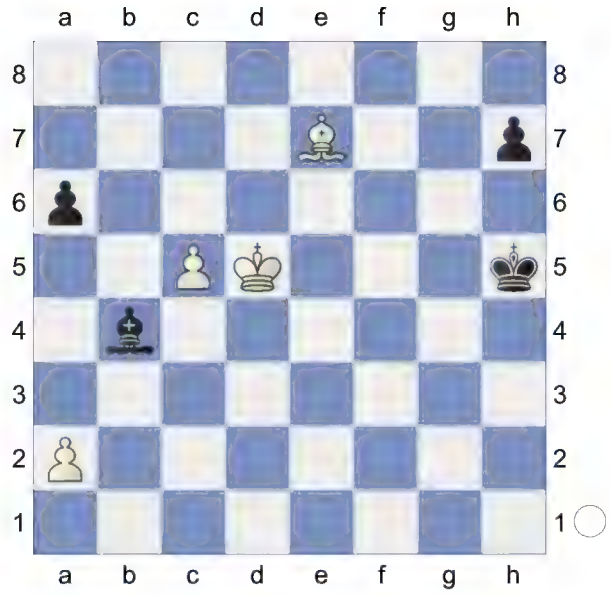
50.Bd2? 1.40/40
[50.Bxd4!+- 10.99/36 cxd4 51.Ke4]
50...Ke7

(Diagram)

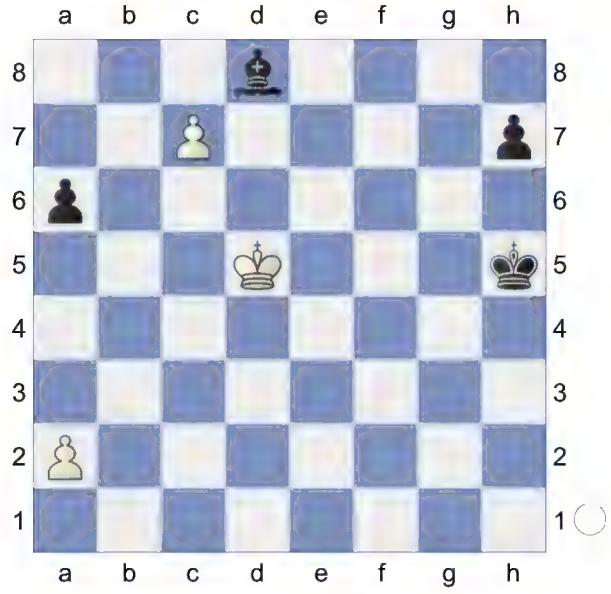


51.Bg5+ Kf7? 5.29/33
[51...Kd7± 1.40/38 52.Bf6 Bg1]
52.Bf4? 0.64/25
[52.a4+- 5.29/33 Bc3 53.Be3]
52...Bc3? 6.56/26
[52...Ke7± 0.64/25]
53.Ke4? 0.14/24
[53.Be5+- 6.56/26]
53...Bb4 8.56/25
[53...Ke6= 0.14/24]
54.Kd5+- Kf6 55.Bd6 Kg5

56.Bxc5 Bc3 57.Be7+ Kxh5 58.c5 Bb4



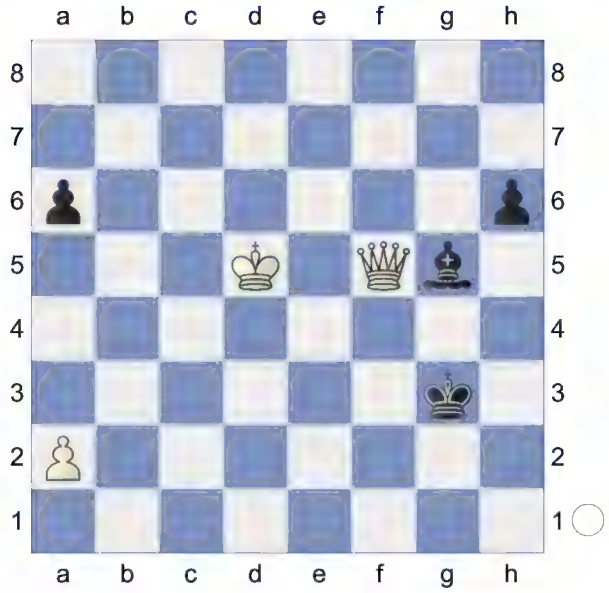
59.c6! Bxe7 KB-KPP
[59...Ba5 60.Kd6]
60.c7 Bd8



61.c8Q 19.77/20
[Not 61.cxd8N Kg4±]
[⌓61.cxd8Q #8/17 Kg4 62.Qg8+ Kf4 63.Qxh7 Ke3 64.Qh6+ Kf3 65.Kd4 *(65.Qxa6 Kf4 66.Qf6+ Kg3 67.Ke4 Kg2 68.Qf4 Kh1 69.Qg5 Kh2 70.Kf3 Kh3 71.Qh6#)* 65...Kg4 66.Qf6 *(66.Qxa6 Kf5 67.Qh6 Kg4 68.Qf6 Kg3 69.Ke3 Kg4 70.Qg6+ Kh4 71.Kf3 Kh3 72.Qh7#)*]

61...Bg5 62.Qe6 White threatens Ke4! and mate. **62...h6 63.Qf7+ Kg4 64.Qe8 Kh4 65.Qe6 Kg3**

66.Qd7 10.30/18
[⌓66.Ke4 #9/19 h5 67.Qe5+ *(67.Qxa6 Kf2+-)* 67...Kg4 68.Qf5+ Deflection Kg3 69.Qf3+ *(69.Qxg5+ Kf2 70.Qf6+ Kg2 71.Qf3+ Kg1 72.Qg3+ Kh1 73.Kf3 a5 74.Qg2#)* 69...Kh4 70.Qf2+ Kg4 71.Qg2+ Kh4 72.Kf3 Bf4 73.Kxf4 a5 74.Qh2#]
66...Kg2 67.Qf7 Kg3 68.Qe6 10.06/18
[⌓68.Ke4 #7/17 h5 69.Qf3+ *(69.Qxh5 Bh4 70.Qf3+ Kh2 71.Qf1 Kg3 72.Qg1+ Kh3 73.Kf3 Bf6 74.Qh1#)* 69...Kh4 70.Qh1+ Kg4 71.Qg1+ Kh4 72.Kf3 Bf4 73.Kxf4 Kh3 74.Qh1#]
68...Kh2 69.Qe4 17.85/20
[⌓69.Qe2+ #8/16 Kg3 70.Ke4 *(70.Qxa6 Bh4+-)* 70...h5 71.Qf3+ *(71.Qxh5 Bh4 72.Qf3+ Kh2 73.Qg4 Kh1 74.Kf3 Bg3 75.Qh3+ Bh2 76.Qg2#)* 71...Kh4 72.Qf2+ Kg4 73.Qg2+ Kh4 74.Kf5 *(74.Kf3 Bh6 75.Qg3#)* 74...Bf4 75.Kxf4 a5 76.Qh2#]
69...Kh3 70.Qf5+ What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=1.20
70...Kg3



Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
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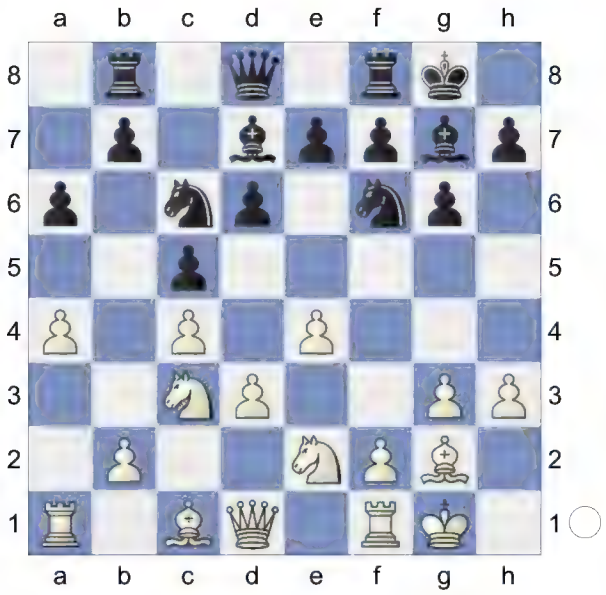
32 **A36**
□ **Gabuzyan Chessmood** **2896**
■ **Soham0705** **2725**
Blitz 21.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
Inf 96/23 **1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 0-0**

(Diagram)

6.e4 c5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.0-0 Rb8 9.h3 Bd7 10.a4 a6



11.Be3 Ne8 12.d4 cxd4

[12...b6 13.b3 Nc7 14.Ra2 e5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.f4 Nd4 17.fxe5 Bxe5 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Nf4 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nd3 Bxg3 22.Nxc5 Be5 23.Raf2 Bxh3 24.Bxh3 Qh4 25.Nd7 Qxh6 26.Qd3 bxc4 27.bxc4 0-1 (66) Reinderman,D (2601)-Jobava, B (2707) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (7)]

13.Nxd4 Nc7

[13...Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Nc7 15.f4 Ne6 16.Bxg7 Nxg7 17.Kh2 Bc6 18.b4 b5 19.cxb5 axb5 20.a5 Qc8 21.Qd3 Qb7 22.a6 Qa8 23.Ra5 Rfc8 24.Rfa1 f5 25.a7 Rb7 26.Nd5 fxe4 27.Bxe4 Kf8 28.Ra6 1-0 (46) 7. Hook mate-Simon Kim Williams vs. James The Checkmate Patterns Manual 2024]

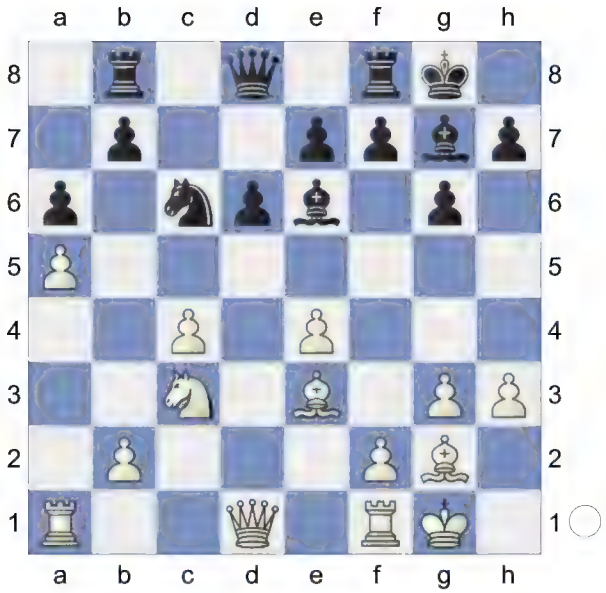
14.a5N

[14.Kh2 Ne6 15.Nde2 Na5 16.b3 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.b4 Nc4 19.Ba7 bxa4 20.Bxb8 Qxb8 21.Nd5 Re8 22.Ra2 Nd8 23.Qc2 Alekseev,E (2632)-Mamedyarov,S (2674) 81792 Istanbul 2005]

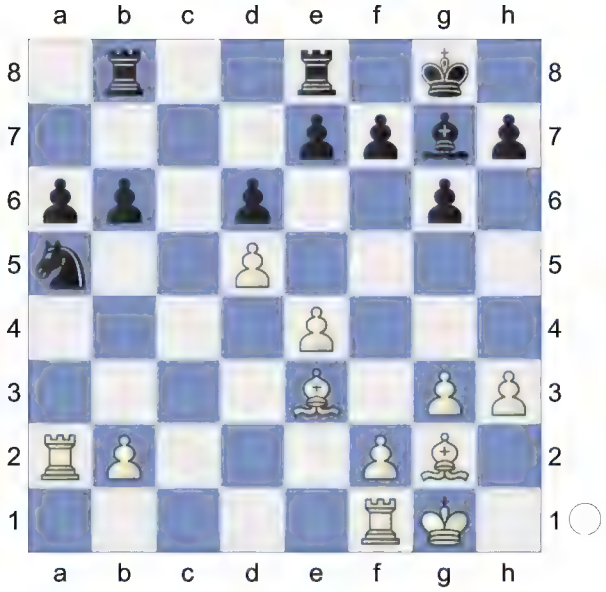
[14.Nd5 Ne6 15.Nxe6 Bxe6 16.f4 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Rc1 Bxd5 19.exd5 Nb4 20.axb5 Rxb5 21.Rc4 Qa5 22.f5 Qa2 23.b3 Na6 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Bg5 Rxb3 26.Rc2 Qa3 27.Bxe7 Re8 28.Bh4 Rd3 1-0 (42) Alexieva,S (2306)-De Seroux, C (2115) FRA-chT Top 12 2015 (1.8) 29.Qg4 Rd4 30.Qd7 Rf8 31.Rc8 Qe3+ 32.Kh1 f5 33.Rxf8+ Bxf8 34.Qe6+ Qxe6 35.dxe6 Rxh4 36.gxh4 Be7 37.h5 Kg7 38.Bc6 Nc5 39.Bd5 Kh6 40.Ra1 Kg7 41.Ra7 Kf6 42.h6 1-0 Alexieva,S (2398)-Wolfangel,F (1960) FRA-chT Top 16 GpA 2006 (3)]

14...Ne6 15.Nxe6 Bxe6

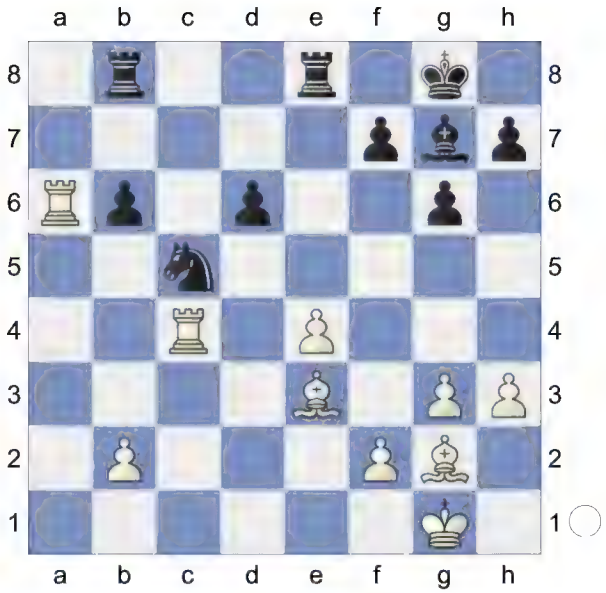
(Diagram)



The position is equal. **16.Nd5! Bxd5 17.cxd5** 0.13/20
[17.exd5± 0.55/21 Nxa5 18.Qa4]
17...Nxa5= 18.Qa4 b6 19.Ra2 Qe8 20.Qxe8 Rfxe8



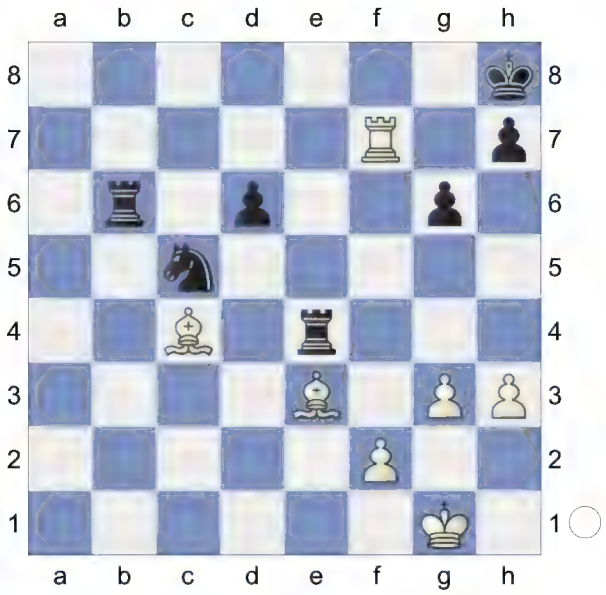
21.Rc1 Prevents Nc4. **21...Nb3** Inhibits b4. **22.Rc6 Nd4 23.Rc4 e5** 0.88/22
[23...Nb3!= -0.01/20 remains equal.]
24.dxe6 0.09/17
[24.Rxa6± 0.88/22 h4 is in the air Bf8 25.Rc7]
24...Nxe6 25.Rxa6 Nc5



26.Ra7 Bxb2 27.Bf1 Bg7 28.Rb4 Rxe4? 3.25/24
[28...Bc3= -0.01/20 29.Rc4 Ba5]
29.Bc4? -0.58/19
[White must play 29.Bxc5+- 3.25/24 d5 30.Rxb6]
29...Kh8 0.03/24
[Black should play 29...d5∓ -0.58/19 30.Bxc5 dxc4 *(30...Rxc4 31.Rxb6 Re8 32.Be3∓)*]

30.Rxb6! Deflection **30...Rxb6**
(Diagram)

31.Ra8+ Bf8! 32.Rxf8+ Kg7 33.Rxf7+ Kh8!



34.Bh6! Rb8

[Worse is 34...Rxc4 35.Rf8#]

[34...Rb1+? 35.Kg2 Rb8 36.Bd5+-]

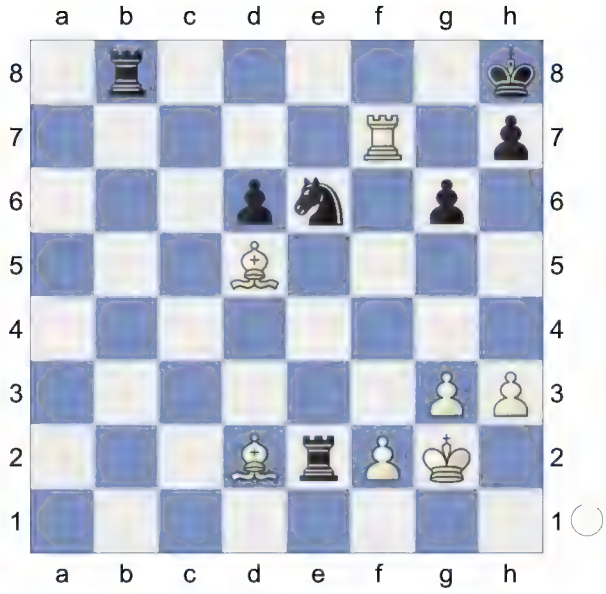
35.Bd5 Strongly threatening Bg7+.

35...Re1+

(Diagram)

36.Kg2 Ne6 Prevents Bg7+. **37.Bd2 Re2** 2.67/26

[37...Re5!= -0.01/23 and Black has nothing to worry. 38.Bc3 Pin Kg8 39.Bxe5 Kxf7 40.Bxd6 Rd8 41.Bxe6+ Kxe6]



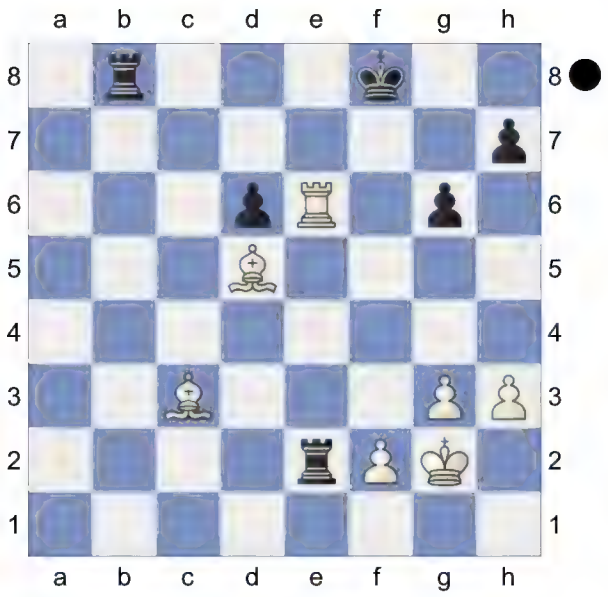
38.Bc3+!+- A strong pair of Bishops.

38...Kg8 39.Re7 Kf8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.46

40.Rxe6

(Diagram)



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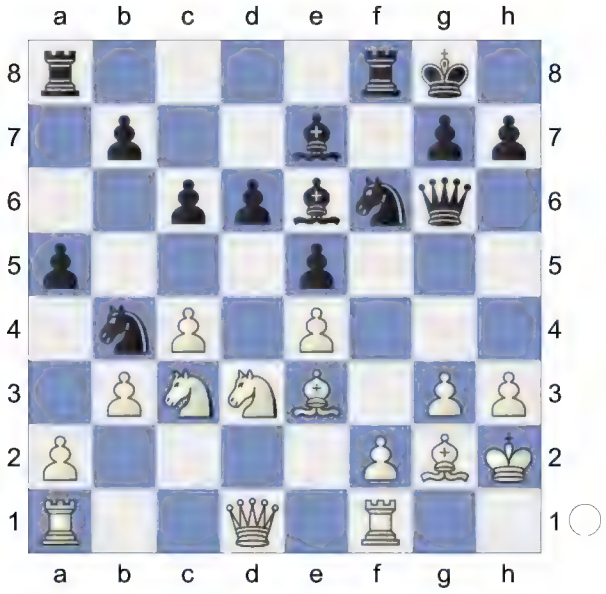
33 **A10**
□ **Multibrendovyi** **2895**
■ **Kenkons** **2844**
Blitz 17.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A10: English Opening: Unusual Replies for Black
1.c4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d6 4.d3 e5 5.Nc3 a5N
[5...Be7 6.b4 *(6.f4 exf4 7.Bxf4 0-0 8.Nf3 c6 9.Qd2 Na6 10.0-0 Nc5 11.Nd4 Ng4 12.h3 Ne5* Serper,G (2540)-Dolmatov,S (2595) (ol) 55/(17) 1992*; 6.e4 c6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 Na6 9.h3 Kh8 10.Be3 Qe8 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.g4 Bxg4 13.hxg4 Nxg4 14.Ng3 Qg6 15.Qe2 d5 16.Nd1 Nb4 17.Bh3 h5 18.Kh1 Nxd3 19.Nxh5 Nxe3 20.Nxe3 Bc5* 0-1 (47) Moreno Trujillo, A (2353)-Johansson,G (2575) 78/473 Stockholm 1999 (5)*; 6.Nh3 Nc6 7.f4 0-0 8.0-0 Qe8 9.Nf2 a6 10.b3 Rb8 11.Bb2 Bd8 12.Qd2 Qh5 13.e3 exf4 14.gxf4 Ne7 15.Nd5 Ng6 16.Nh1 Ng4 17.h3 Nh6* Lombardy,W-Vaganian,R 29/(52) Mexico 1980*)* 6...a5 7.b5 Nbd7 8.e3 0-0 9.Nge2 Kh8 10.0-0 Qe8 11.a4 Rb8 12.Qc2 Qh5 13.Nd5 Bd8 14.Nec3 Nc5 15.Ba3 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 c6 17.Nc3 f4 18.exf4 exf4 19.f3 Bb6 20.d4 0-1 (39) Petrovsky,J-Zakharov,A Saint Petersburg 89/(69) 2003 (7)]

6.e4 Be7 7.Nge2
[7.exf5!? Bxf5 8.Bxb7±]
7...fxe4 8.dxe4 White is slightly better.
8...0-0 9.0-0 Na6 10.Be3 Be6

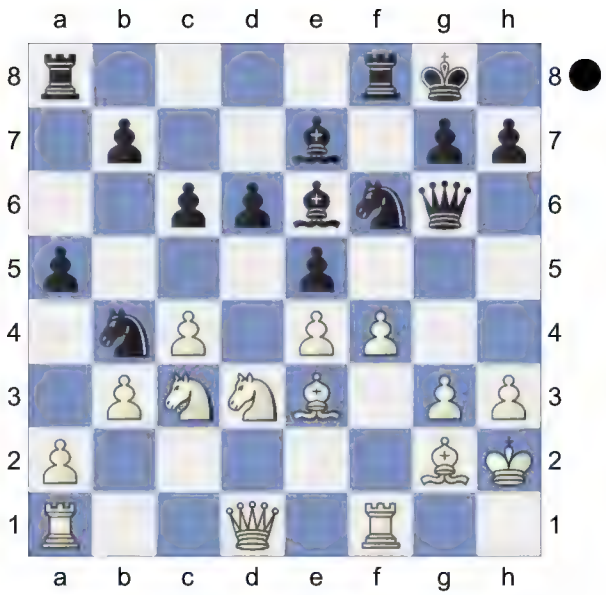
(Diagram)

11.b3
[11.Nd5 is interesting. Ng4 12.Bd2 c6 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.h3]
11...c6 12.h3 Prevents Ng4 **12...Qd7**
13.Kh2 0.00/19
[13.Na4± 0.43/19]
13...Qe8= 14.Nc1 Qg6 15.Nd3 Nb4

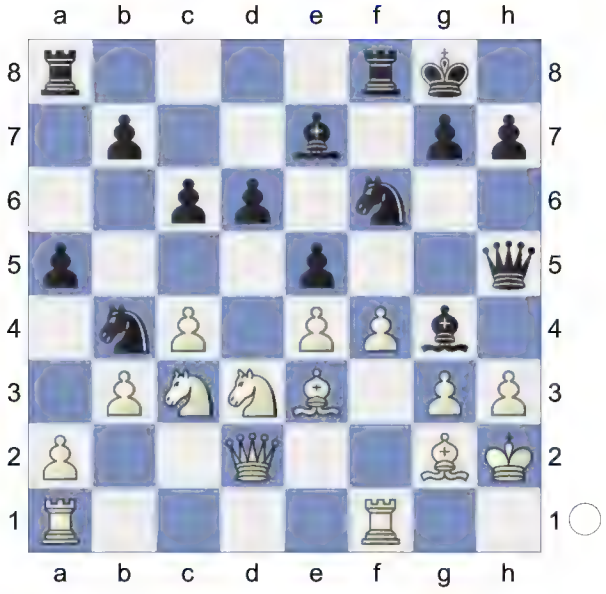


16.f4 -0.31/20
[16.Nb2= 0.15/18 should be considered.]

(Diagram)

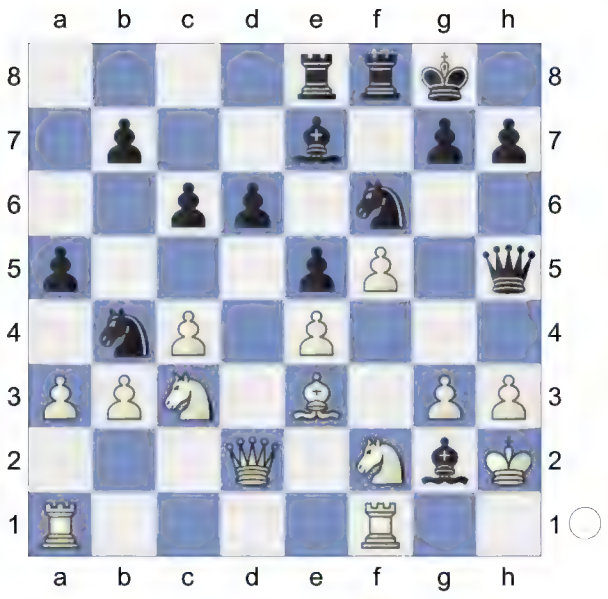


16...Bg4 0.43/20 **17.Qd2± Qh5** 0.79/19
[17...Nxd3± 0.37/22 18.Qxd3 Qh5]

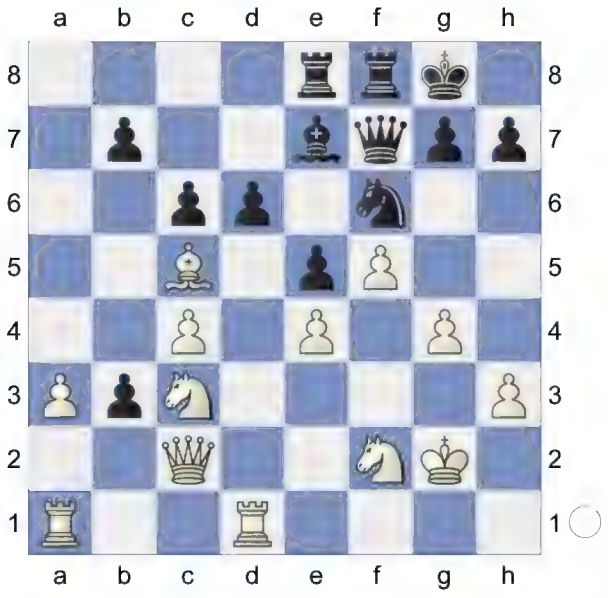


18.Nf2!± Rae8 1.23/18
[18...exf4± 0.64/20 19.gxf4 Kh8]
19.f5 Bf3 20.a3 Bxg2

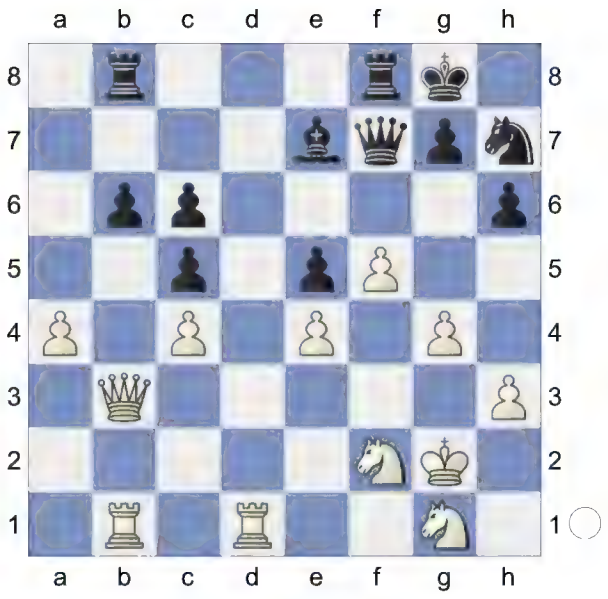
(Diagram)



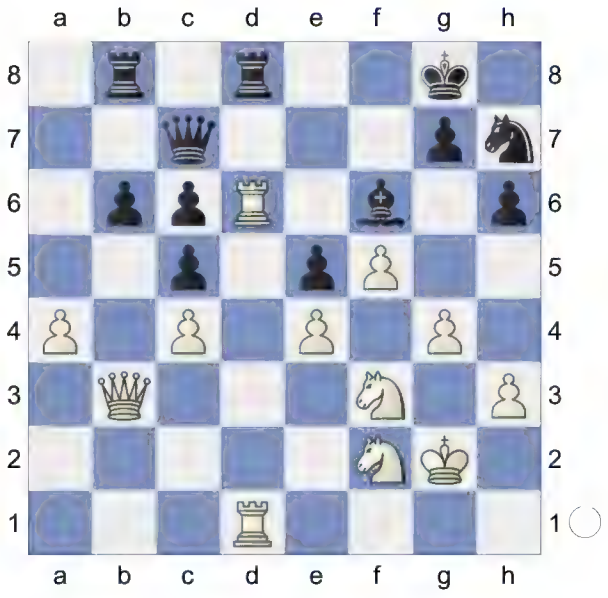
21.Kxg2 Na6 22.g4 Qf7 23.Rfd1 Nc5 24.Qc2 0.88/18
[White should play 24.Bxc5 1.35/19 dxc5 25.g5]
24...a4 1.45/22 **25.Bxc5**
[25.bxa4 Qxc4 26.Qa2 Qxa2 27.Rxa2 Nb3]
25...axb3



26.Qxb3 dxc5 27.Rab1 White is more active. **27...Rb8 28.a4 b6** 1.75/21
[28...Rfd8± 1.09/19]
29.Ne2+- h6 30.Ng1 Nh7
(Diagram)

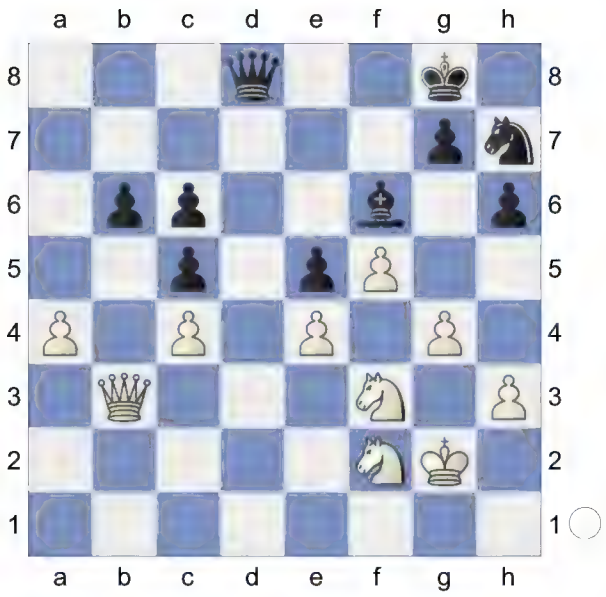


31.Nf3 Wards off Bh4. Black is weak on the light squares **31...Bf6 32.Rd6** 1.30/20
[32.h4+- 2.35/17]
32...Qc7 1.84/22
[32...Ng5± 1.30/20]
33.Rbd1 And now Rd7 would win.
33...Rfd8

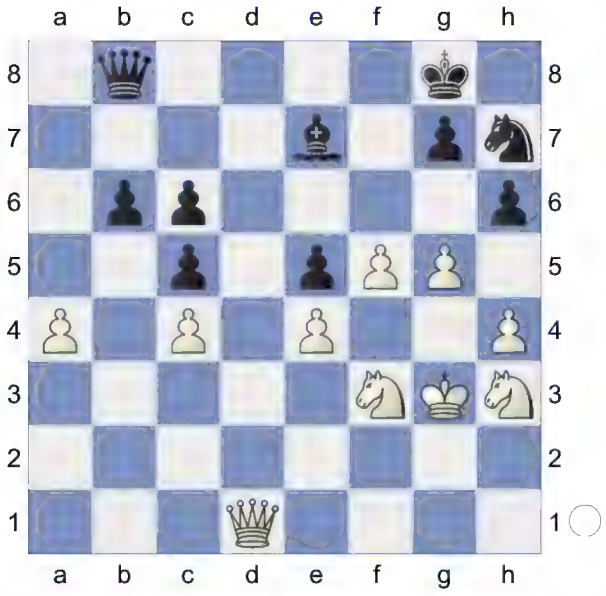


34.Rxd8+ Rxd8 35.Rxd8+ Qxd8

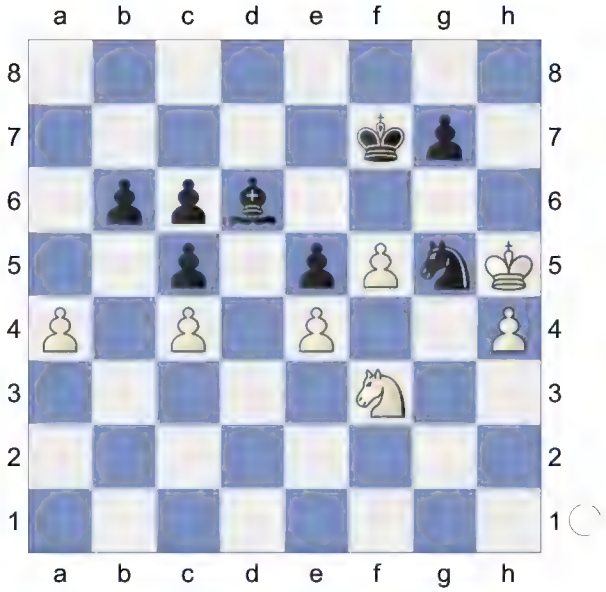
(Diagram)



36.Qd1 0.66/18
[36.h4+- 1.72/19]
This costs Black the game. **36...Qa8?** 3.58/20
[36...Qxd1± 0.66/18 37.Nxd1 Nf8]
37.h4 Kh8 38.Kg3 Kg8 39.Nh3 1.87/18
[⌓39.Qd6 3.73/21]
39...Qb8? 3.76/21
[39...Qd8 1.87/18 40.Qxd8+ Bxd8]
40.g5 Be7



41.Qd7 Prevents Qc7 **41...Qd6**
42.Qxd6 Bxd6 43.Kg4 Kf7? 6.63/21
[43...hxg5 2.72/21 44.hxg5 Nf8]
44.Kh5 White is clearly winning.
44...hxg5 45.Nhxg5+ Nxg5



46.hxg5 Be7
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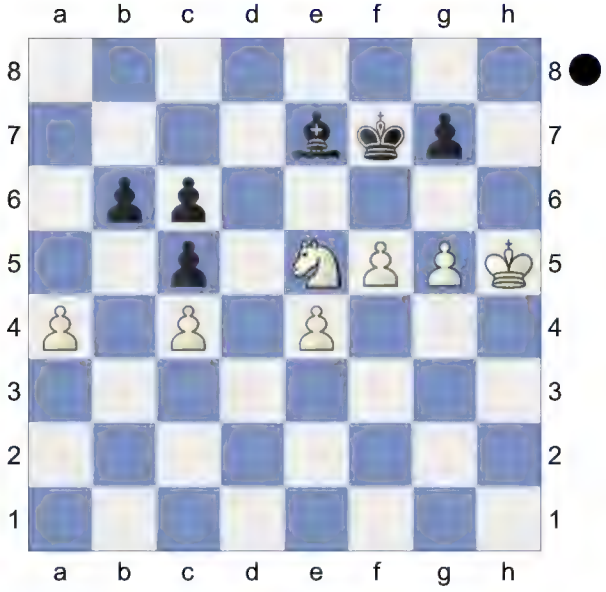
47.Nxe5+



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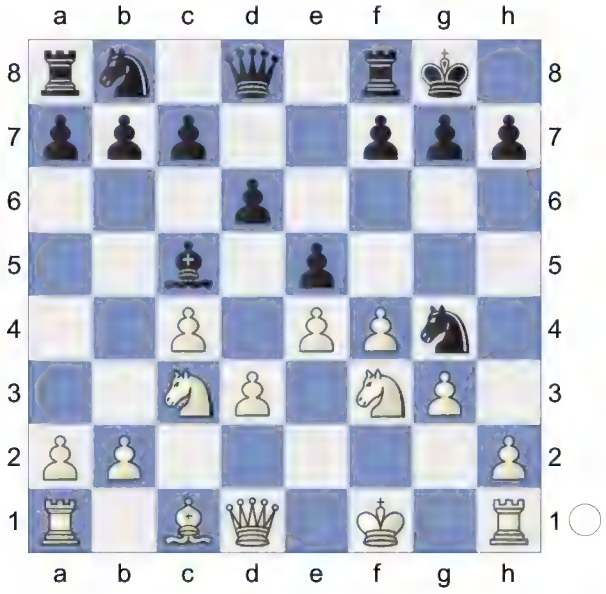
34 **A22**
□ **Intron014** **2890**
■ **Arasanx** **2848**
Blitz 09.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6
A22: Ouverture anglaise (avec 2...Cf6)
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e4 d6

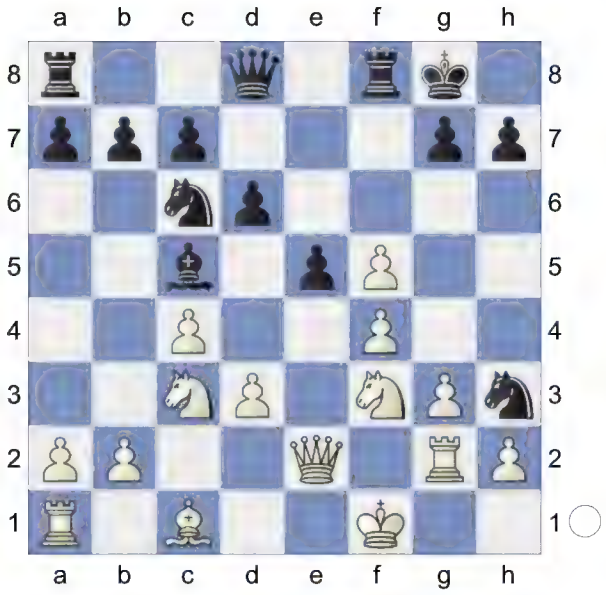
6.d3
[6.Nge2 a6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3 Rb8 9.h3 b5 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 Ne7 12.d4 c6 13.a3 Ba5 14.b4 Bb6 15.Bb2 cxd5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Bxe5 Rb7 18.exd5 Rd7 19.Nf4 Bb7 20.Ra2 Bxd5 ½-½ (44) Harikrishna,P (2612)-L'Ami,E (2516) Monde (championnat junior) 2004 (9)]
6...Bg4N
[6...Nc6 7.Nge2 Bc5 8.0-0 Nd4 *(8...a6 9.h3 h6 10.Kh2 Nd4 11.f4)* 9.Rb1 a5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Qe1 c6 12.Be3 Re8 13.b3 Rb8 14.a3 Bd7 15.Bxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 c5 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 b5 19.cxb5 Rxb5 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Qd2 ½-½ (22) Bellmann,H (2474)-Windhausen,G (2510) corr Rochade-25/TT 2014 [1] Qb6 22.Rxb5 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2500)-Lopes,M (2125) corr RCCA 20/pr01 2013]
7.f3 Be6 8.f4 White has an edge.
8...Bg4 9.Bf3 Bxf3 10.Nxf3 Bc5

11.Kf1 Ng4

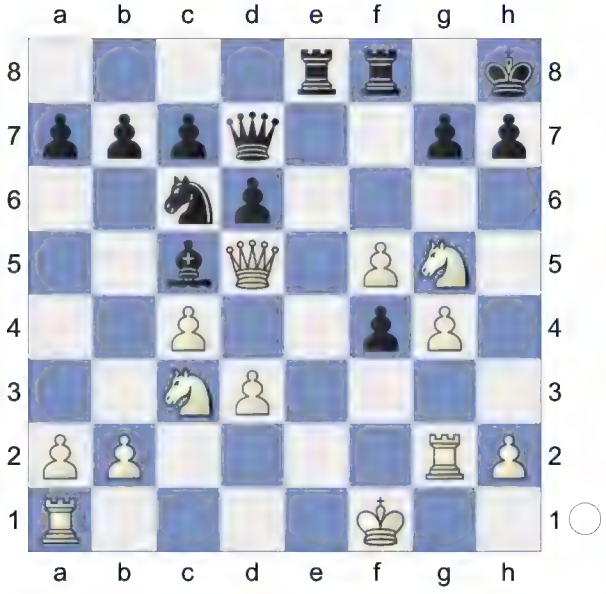


12.Qe2 Nf2 13.Rg1 Nh3 14.Rg2 f5 15.exf5 Nc6

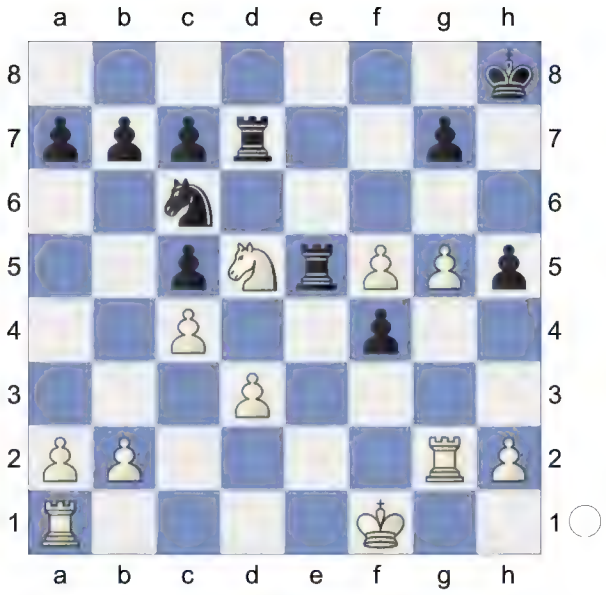
(Diagram)



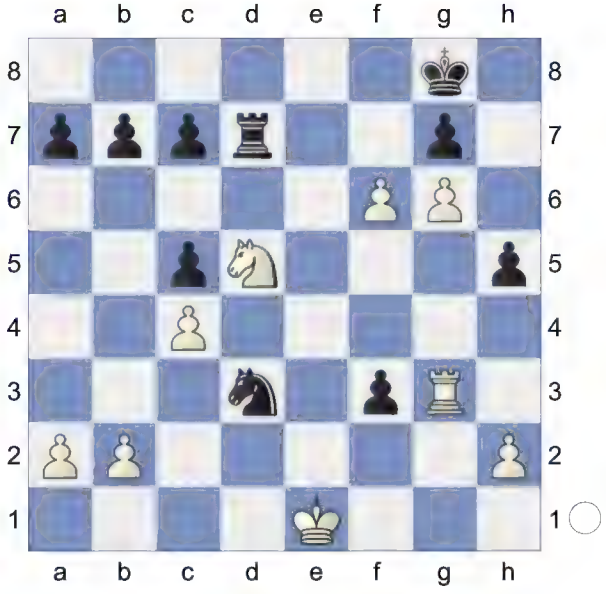
16.Qe4 0.23/18
[16.fxe5 Rxf5 17.g4 Rf8∓ *(17...Nd4 18.gxf5 Nxe2 19.Kxe2-+)*]
[16.d4± 0.71/19 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Qh5]
16...Qd7!= 17.g4
[17.fxe5? Qxf5 18.Qxf5 Rxf5-+]
17...Rae8! 18.Ng5 Nxf4 19.Bxf4 exf4 Black is weak on the light squares
20.Qd5+ Kh8



21.Ne6 Prevents Nd4. Excellent horsemanship. **21...Rf7! 22.Nxc5 dxc5 23.Qxd7 Rxd7 24.Nd5 h5 25.g5 Re5**



26.f6 Kg8 0.64/19
[26...gxf6= 0.25/21 27.gxf6 Kh7]
27.Re1 0.10/27 White is more active.
[White should play 27.h4± 0.64/19]
27...Rxe1+ 28.Kxe1 Endgame KRN-KRN **28...f3 29.Rg3 Ne5** Hoping for ... c6. **30.g6! Nxd3+**



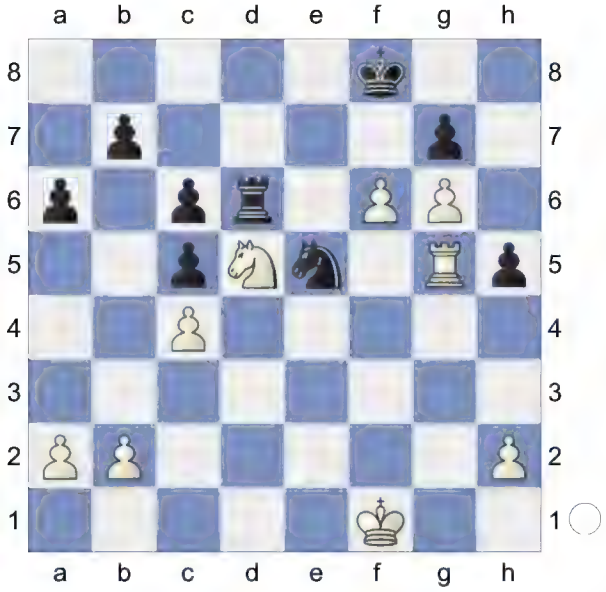
The position is equal. **31.Kf1 Kf8 32.Rxf3 Ne5 33.Ra3 a6**
[33...Nxc4 34.Rxa7 gxf6 *(34...Nd2+? 35.Ke2+-)* 35.Nf4 *(35.Nxf6 Rd1+ 36.Ke2 Rd2+ 37.Ke1 Rxh2=)* 35...Rd1+ 36.Kg2

Ne3+ 37.Kf3±]

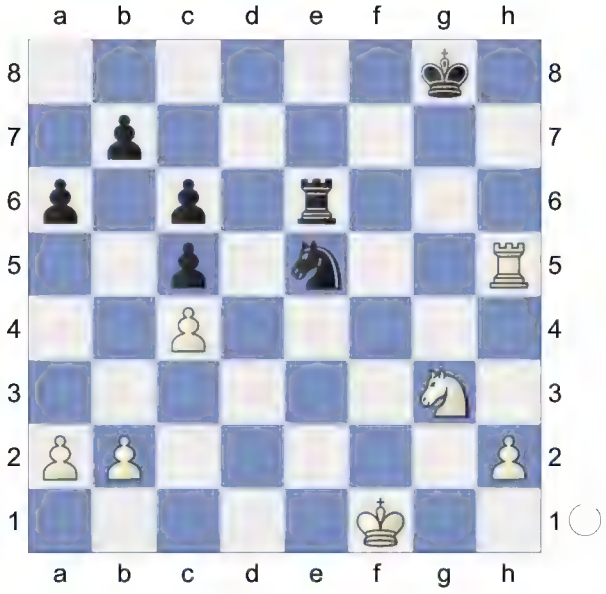
34.Rg3 Rd6! 35.Rg5

[D o n ' t p l a y 35.Nxc7 Rxf6+ *(35...Nxc4 36.fxg7+ Kg8 37.Rg5±)* 36.Ke1 Nxc4∓ *(36...Nxg6 37.Rb3∓)*]

35...c6



36.fxg7+ Kxg7 37.Ne7 Re6 38.Nf5+ Kg8 39.Rxh5 Nxg6 40.Ng3 Ne5



41.b3 Nd3 42.Rg5+ Kh8 43.Kg2 Nc1 44.Kf3 Nxa2 45.Ne4 Nc1

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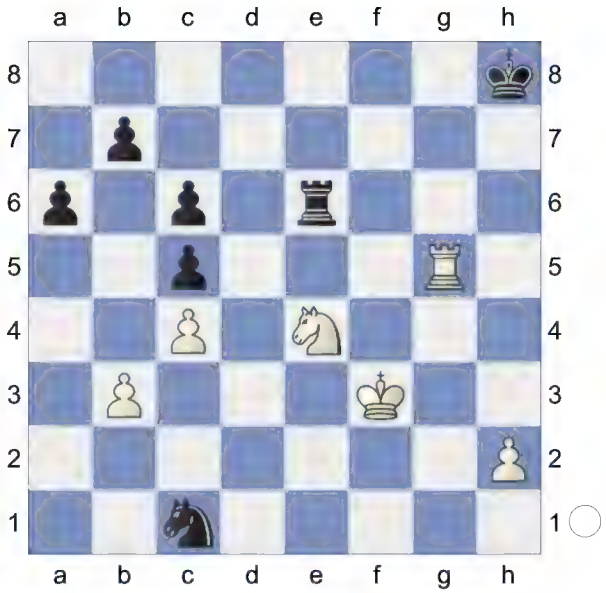
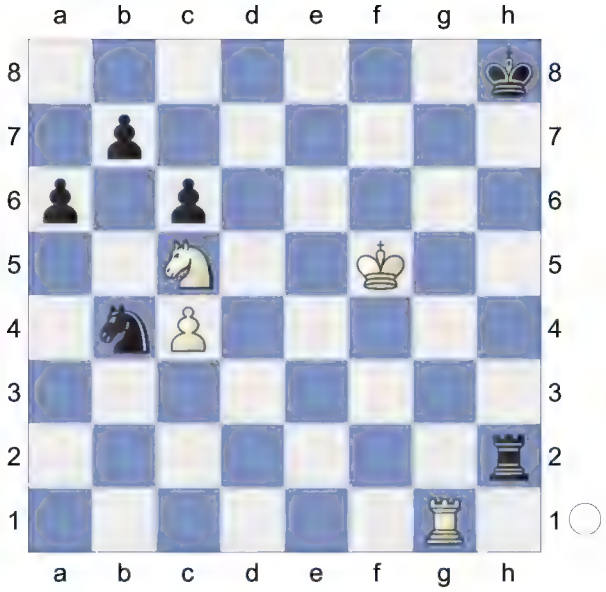


46.Nxc5 Rh6 Repels Rh5 **47.Rg1**

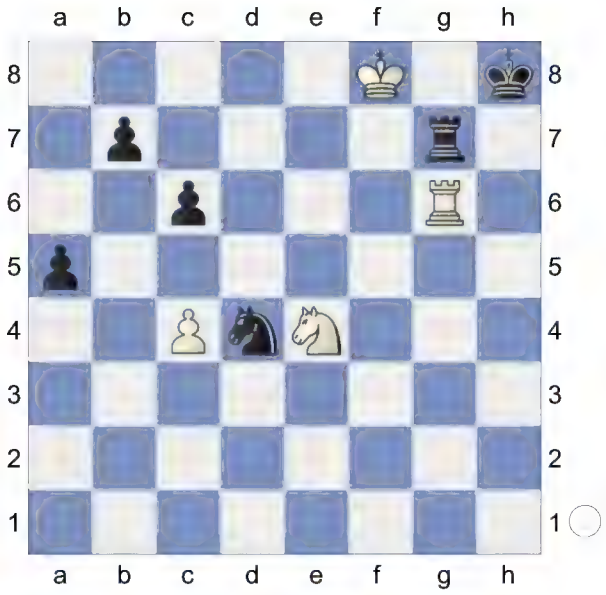
[47.Nxb7 Nxb3 48.Na5 Rf6+ 49.Ke3 Nxa5 50.Rxa5 Rd6±]

47...Rh5! 48.b4 Na2 49.Kg4 Rxh2 50.Kf5 Nxb4



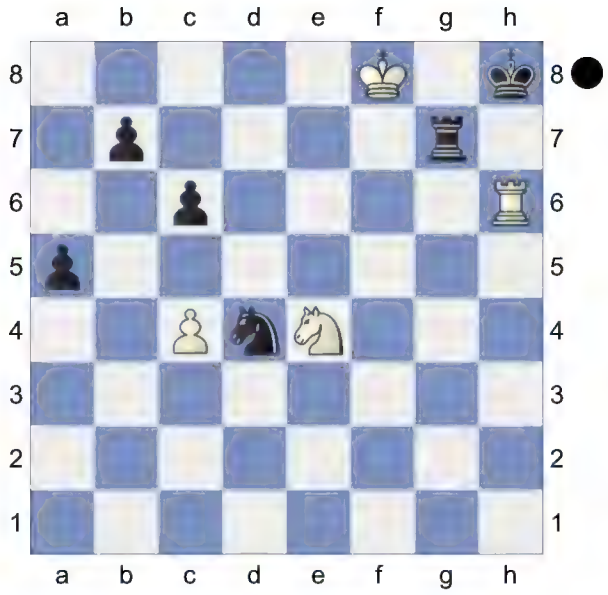
51.Ne4 Nc2 52.Kf6 and Kf7 should not be overlooked **52...Nd4 53.Rg6 a5 54.Kf7 Rh7+! 55.Kf8 Rg7**

(Diagram)



Decoy **56.Rh6+**
[56.Rxg7!? Ne6+☐ Deflection, Double Attack 57.Ke7 Nxg7 58.Nc3=]
56...Rh7 57.Rg6 Rg7 Decoy **58.Rh6+**
[58.Rxg7!? Ne6+☐ Deflection, Double Attack 59.Ke7 Nxg7 60.Nc3=]
58...Rh7 59.Rf6 Rg7 Dodges Ng5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
60.Rh6+
[60.Ng5!? Rg8+☐ *(60...Rxg5 61.Rh6#)* 61.Kf7 Rg7+ *(61...Rxg5 62.Rh6#)* 62.Kf8=]

(Diagram)



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35 **A26**
☐ **Gabuzyan Chessmood** **2885**
■ **Muisback** **3052**
Blitz 19.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 e5 5.d3 Nc6

(Diagram)

6.e4 Nge7 7.Nge2 h5

[7...a6 8.h4 h6 9.Nd5 b5 10.0-0 0-0 11.b3 Rb8 12.Bd2 Kh7 13.Rc1 Bg4 14.f3 Bd7 15.Be3 Nd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Bf4 bxc4 18.bxc4 Rb2 19.Rf2 Rxf2 20.Kxf2 f5 21.Qd2 fxe4 22.dxe4 1-0 (51) 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 (2811)-Mendez Fortes,E (2684) 4NCL Birmingham 2001 (6.1)]

8.h3 Rb8N

[8...Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 Be6 11.b4 Qd7 12.Nf4 c5 13.b5 0-0 14.0-0 a6 15.b6 Nc6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bg5 Rf7 18.f4 Raf8 19.a4 Bf6 20.Bh6 Bg7 21.Bg5 Kh7 22.a5 Bh6 23.Bxh6 1-0 (45) Leenhouts,K (2442)-Hauge,L (2514) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (2) Kxh6 24.Qd2 Kg7 25.Rf2 Rf6 26.Raf1 e5 27.f5 Ne7 28.g4 hxg4 29.hxg4 gxf5 30.exf5 d5 31.Qg5+ Kf7 32.Qh5+ Kg8 33.Qg5+ Kf7 34.Qh5+ Kg7 35.cxd5 Nxd5 36.g5 Rd6 37.f6+ Nxf6 38.gxf6+ 1-0 (45) Georgiades,G (2442)-Schilling,F (2514) (ol) 50/217 Novi Sad 1990 (2)]

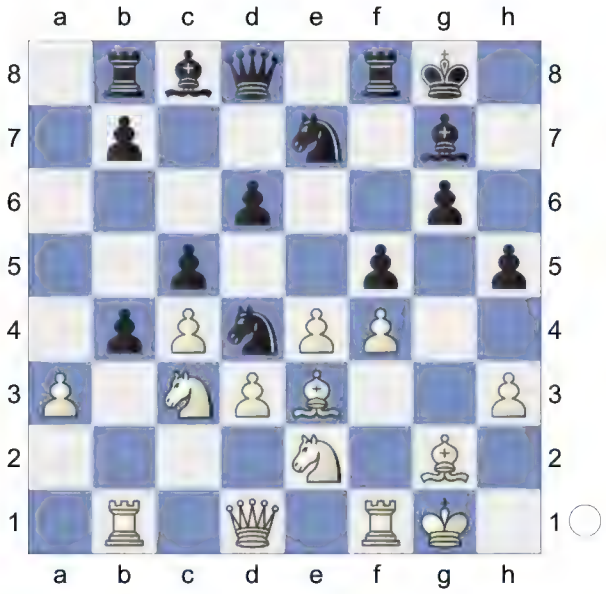
[8...Be6 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Nd5 c6 11.Nxe7 Qxe7 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Bd2 h4 14.g4 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.Qe2 fxe4 17.Qxe4 Bf5 18.Qxe7+ Kxe7 19.Bg5+ Kd7 20.Kd2 Be5 21.f4 Rhg8 22.Be4 Raf8 23.Raf1 1-0 (47) Kjartansson,G (2453)-Pavlidou,E (2178) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (12)]

9.Be3 0.31/20

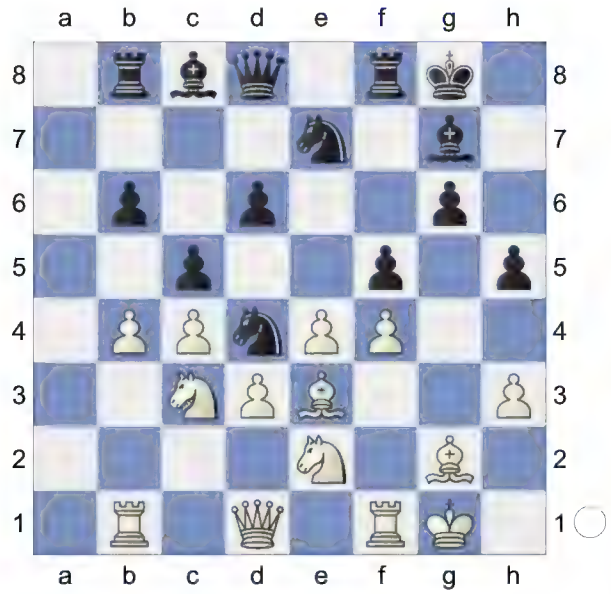
[⌓9.Bg5 0.70/19]

9...Nd4± White is slightly better. **10.0-0 c5**

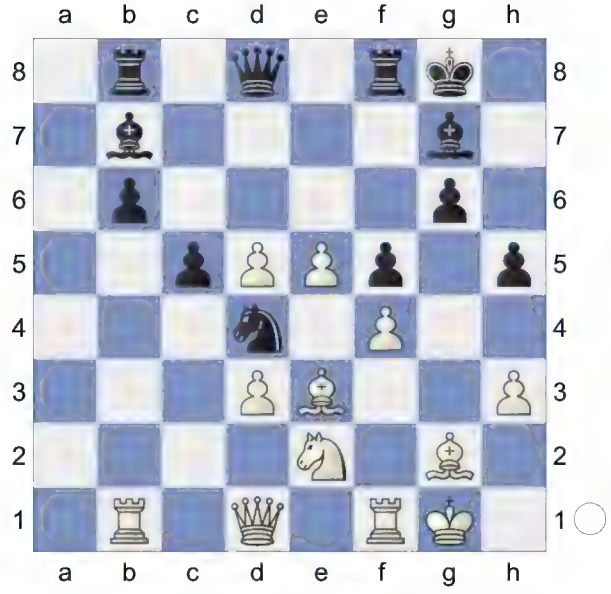
11.f4 exf4 12.gxf4 f5 13.Rb1 a5 14.a3 0-0 15.b4 axb4



16.axb4 b6 1.43/19
[⌓16...Nxe2+ 0.74/17 17.Nxe2 cxb4]

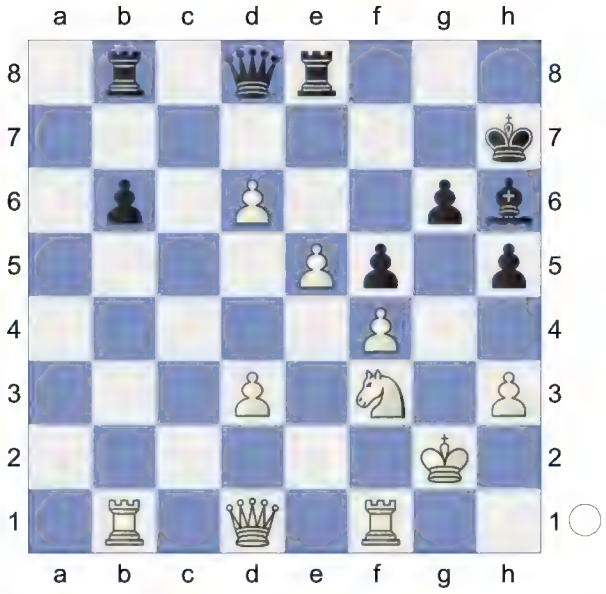


17.bxc5!± dxc5 18.Nd5 0.36/22
[18.e5± 1.59/19]
18...Nxd5 19.cxd5 Hoping for e5.
19...Ba6? 2.77/18
[Better is 19...fxe4± 0.60/19 20.Bxd4 *(20.dxe4 Ba6=)* 20...cxd4]
20.e5+- Bb7

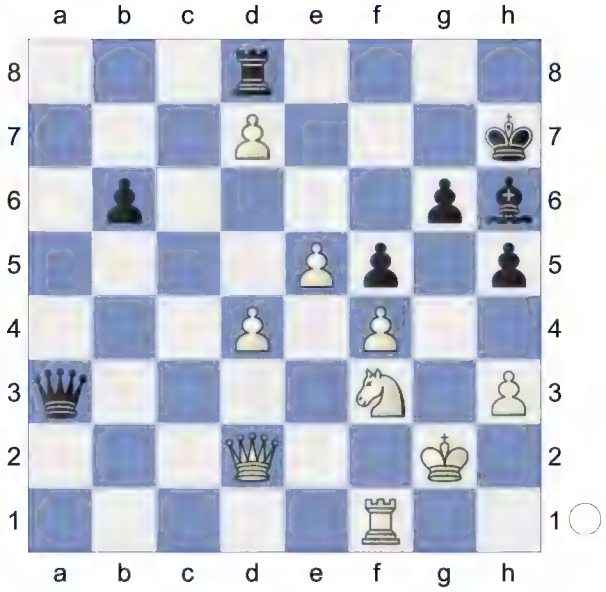


21.Bxd4 cxd4 22.d6
[22.Nxd4 Bxd5 23.Rb5 Bxg2 24.Qb3+ Kh8=]

22...Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Kh7 24.Nxd4 Re8 25.Nf3 Bh6



26.Qd2 Ra8 27.d4 Ra3 28.Ra1 Active counter play! **28...Qa8 29.Rxa3 Qxa3 30.d7 Rd8**



31.e6 Qd6 32.Re1 Bxf4

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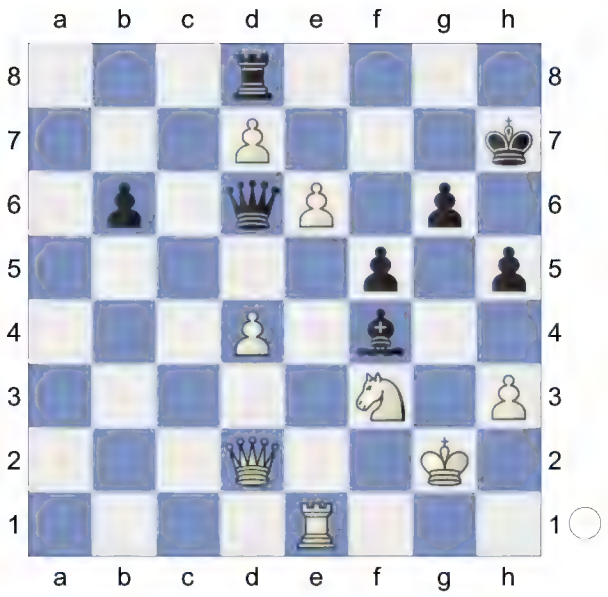


33.Qxf4 0.06/18 **Qxf4=** **34.e7** Really sharp! **34...Rxd7** 6.76/19

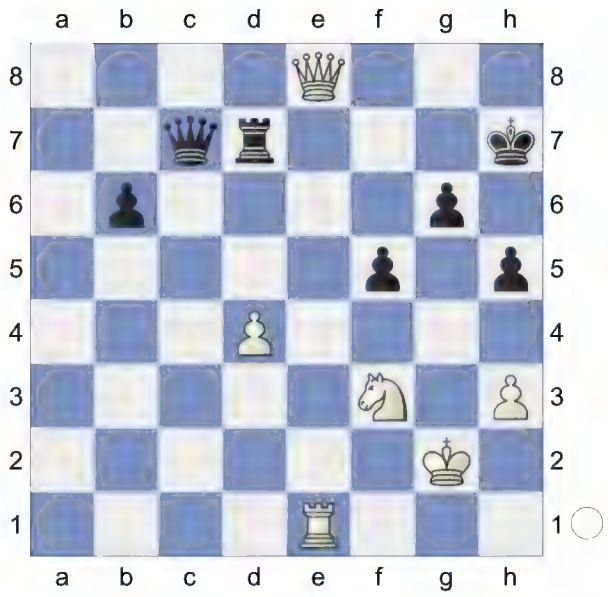
[34...h4= 0.00/19 35.Nxh4 *(35.exd8R Qg3+ 36.Kh1 Qxf3+ 37.Kg1 Qg3+ 38.Kf1 Qf4+ 39.Ke2 Qc7-+)* 35...Qg5+ *(35...Qd2+ 36.Kf1=)* 36.Kf1 Qf4+ *(36...Qxh4 37.e8Q±)* 37.Ke2 Qe4+ *(37...Qxh4 38.e8Q±)* 38.Kf1 Qd3+ *(38...Qxh4 39.e8Q=)* 39.Re2 *(39.Kg2? Ra8-+)* 39...Qd1+ *(39...Rxd7? 40.e8Q+-; 39...Qxh3+? 40.Ng2+-)* 40.Re1 Qd3+ *(40...Qxd4? 41.exd8Q Qf4+ 42.Kg1+-)*]

35.e8Q+- White is clearly winning.

[35.e8R? perishes. h4 36.Ng1 Qxd4-+ *(36...Rxd4? 37.R1e7+ Kh6 38.Rh8+ Kg5 39.Nf3+ Kf6 40.Nxd4-+)*]

35...Qc7

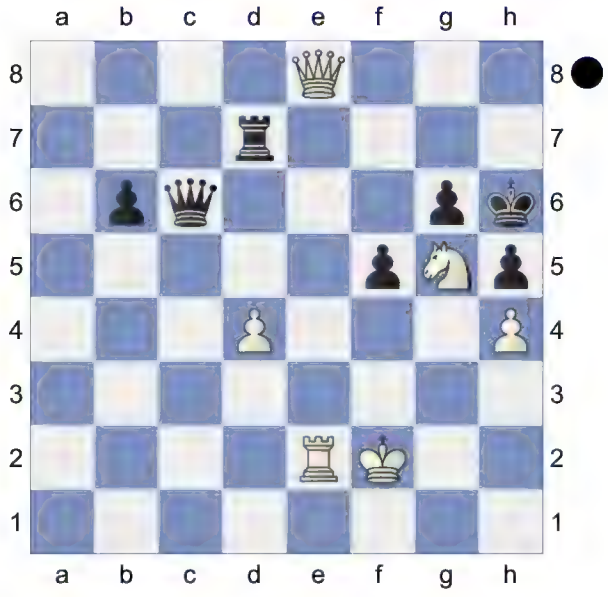
(Diagram)



36.Ng5+ **Kh6** **37.h4** **Qc2+** **38.Re2** White threatens Qh8+ and mate. **38...Qc6+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.95

39.Kf2



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36 **A26**
□ **Raspfish** **2882**
■ **Nikitosik Ai** **2853**
Rapid 13.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.g3 e5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 d6

6.e4 Be6

[6...h5 7.h4 Nf6 8.Bg5 Nd4 9.Nce2 Ne6 10.Bd2 a5 11.Nc3 Nd7 12.Nge2 Ndc5 13.Be3 Nd4 14.Nd5 Nxe2 15.Qxe2 c6 16.Nc3 Ne6 17.Qd2 0-0 18.0-0-0 a4 19.Ne2 c5 20.Kb1 Rb8 21.Nc3 0-1 (30) Gorse,G (2050)-Telljohann,S (2415) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (3)]

7.Nge2 h5 8.h4 Nh6

[8...Qd7 9.Qa4 Nce7 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.b4 c6 12.b5 Nf6 13.Rb1 c5 14.a4 b6 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.cxd5 Bh6 17.Bh3+ Kc7 18.Bg5 Bxg5 19.hxg5 Nh7 20.f4 Rhf8 21.Kd2 f6 22.gxf6 Rxf6 23.Rbf1 ½-½ (36) Jones,S (2615)-Hug,A (2689) Tbilisi/ Sukhumi 24/(353) 1977]

9.Rb1N

[9.Nd5 0-0

A) 10.f3 Kh7 *(10...Ne7 11.Be3 c6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Qd2 Kh7 14.Nc3 b5 15.cxb5 d5* A 26/06 2000 *)* 11.Be3 f5 12.Qd2 Qd7 13.Rc1 Ne7 14.Ng1 c6 15.Nxe7 Qxe7 16.Nh3 A 26/06 2000;

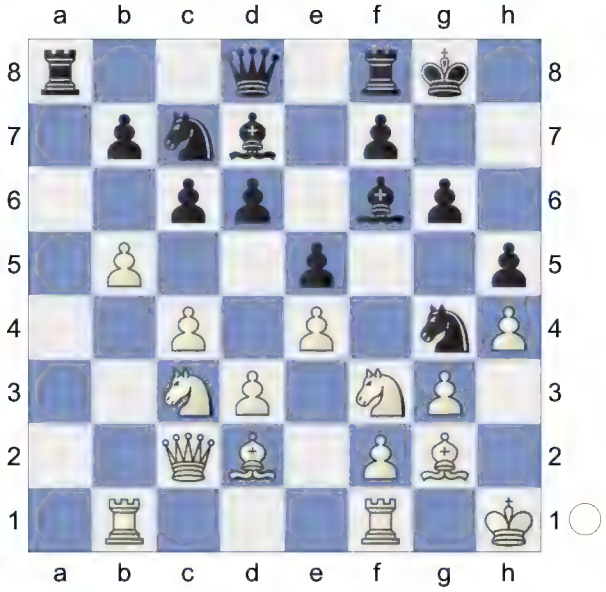
B) 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Nf6+ Kh8 12.Bg5 Ng4 13.Nxg4 Bxg4 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.f3 Be6 16.Rac1 f6 17.Be3 f5 18.Bg5 c5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Nc3 Qd7 21.Ne4 Nc6 22.Be3 Bxe4 23.dxe4 Nd4 0-1 (50) Balduan,M (2289)-Straub,N (2373) Oberliga NRW 0203 II 2002 (2.4)]

9...a5 10.a3 0-0

White has an edge. **11.0-0 Kh7 12.b4 axb4 13.axb4 Nb8 14.Kh1 c6 15.Ng1 Na6**

(Diagram)

16.Nf3 Kg8 17.Qc2 Nc7 18.b5 Ng4 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Bd2 Bd7



21.Ng5 Bg7 22.f3 Nh6 23.bxc6 bxc6 24.Nh3 f6

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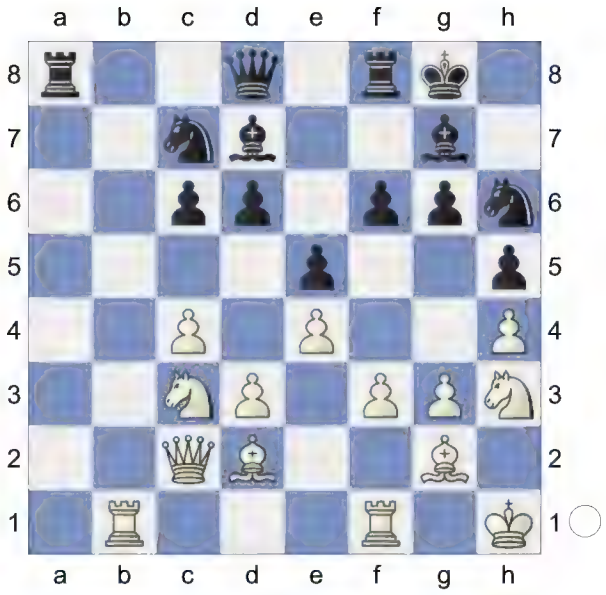


25.c5! Be6

[25...Ne6 26.Na4]

26.cxd6 Qxd6 27.f4 Rfd8 28.Nf2 Bf7

[28...Ng4 is interesting. 29.f5 Bf7 30.Rb7 Nxf2+ 31.Rxf2 Qc5]

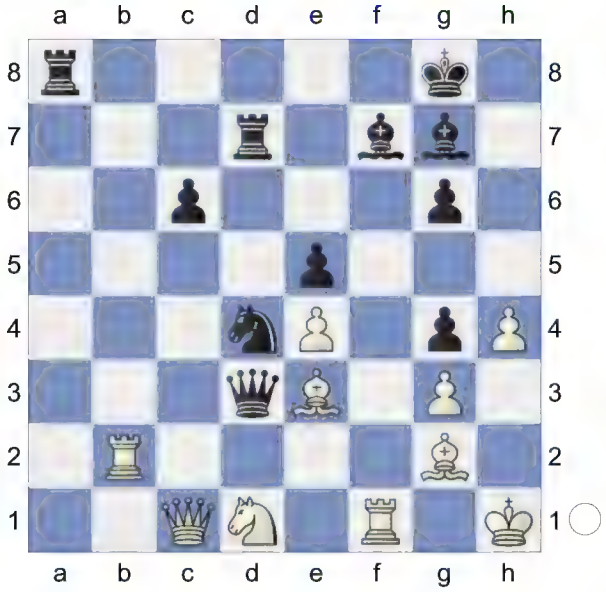
29.fxe5 fxe5 30.Qc1 Ng4

(Diagram)

31.Nxg4 hxg4 32.Be3 Qxd3 33.Rb7 Rd7 34.Nd1 Ne6 35.Rb2 0.00/23

[35.Nf2± 0.49/22 feels stronger. Qd6 36.Rb2]

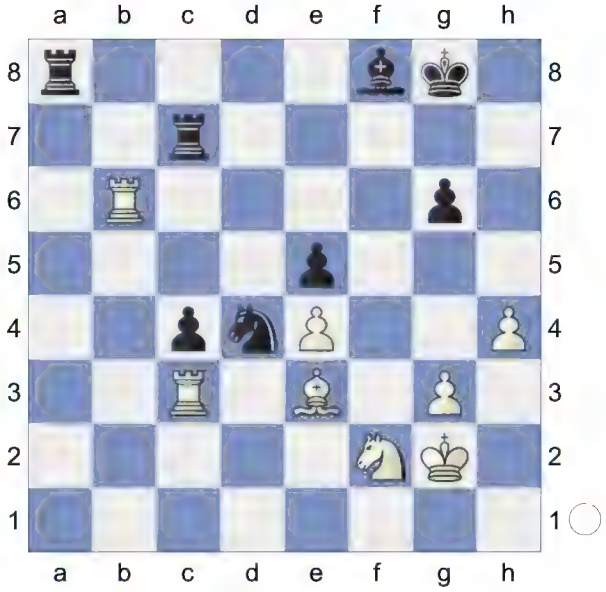
35...Nd4=



The position is equal. **36.Nf2! Qc4 37.Nxg4 Qxc1 38.Rxc1 Be6⇄** Black is not holding back **39.Bh3 Rc7 40.Nf2 Bxh3**

(Diagram)

41.Nxh3 c5 42.Kg2 c4 43.Rc3 Bf8 44.Nf2 Ba3 45.Rb6 Bf8!

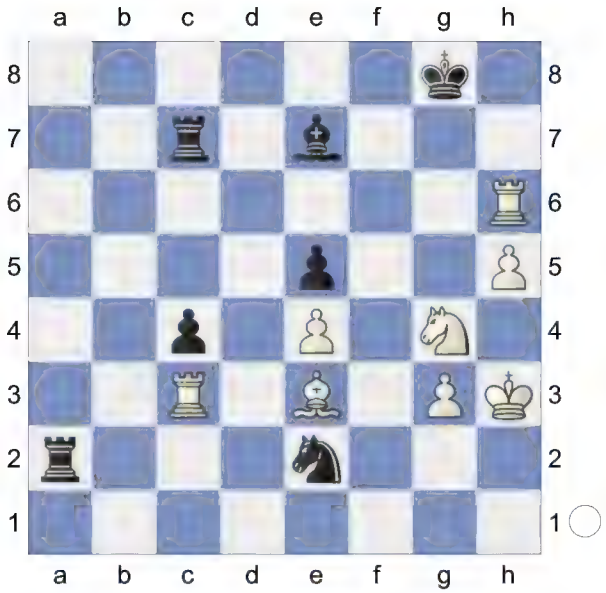


46.Rxg6+ Kh7 47.h5 Ra2 48.Kh3 Ne2 49.Ng4 White threatens Nf6+ and mate. **49...Be7**

[Weaker is 49...Nxc3 50.Nf6+ Kh8 51.Rg8#]

50.Rh6+ Kg8

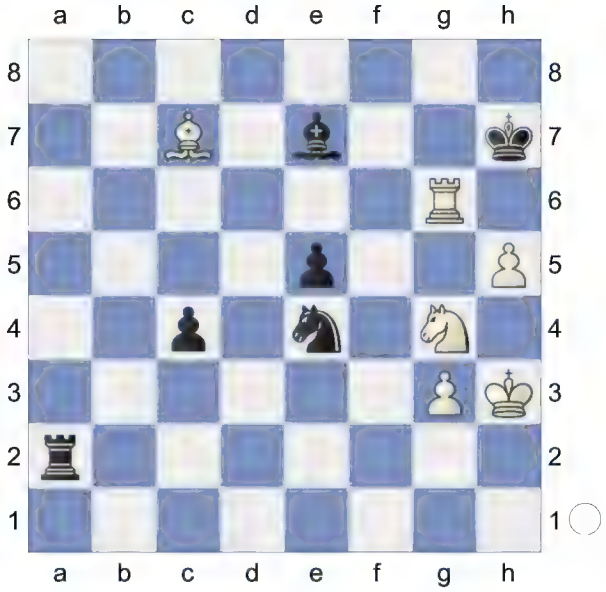
(Diagram)



51.Rg6+ Kh7 52.Rh6+ Kg8! 53.Bb6 Nxc3 54.Bxc7 Nxe4 55.Rg6+

[55.Nxe5? Nf2+ 56.Kg2 Ng4+ 57.Kf3 Nxh6-+]

55...Kh7



Threatens to win with ...Ng5+. **56.Nxe5**

[56.Bxe5? is the wrong capture. Ng5+ 57.Rxg5 Bxg5-+]

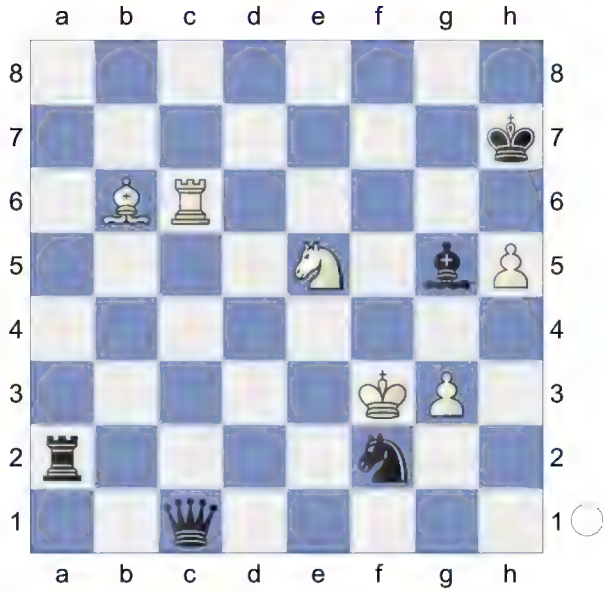
56...c3 57.Rc6 Nf2+

[57...c2!? 58.Nd3□ Ra3=]

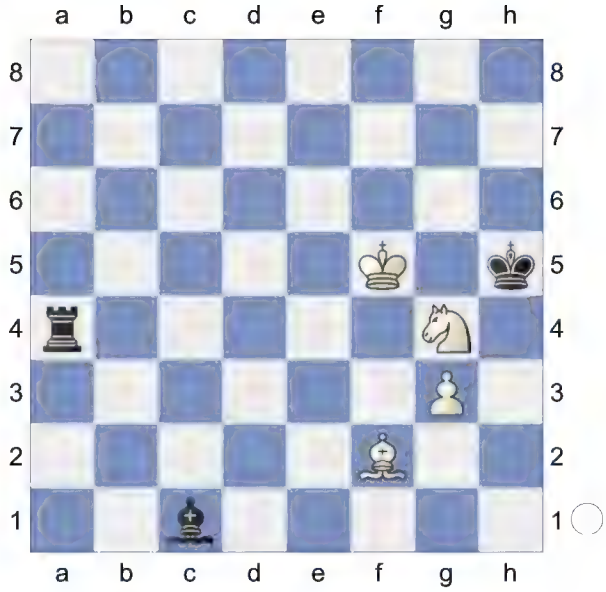
58.Kg2 c2 59.Kf3 Bg5

[59...Ba3!? 60.Bb6□ c1Q 61.Rxc1 Bxc1 62.Bxf2 Ra3+ 63.Kg4 Ra4+ 64.Kf5 Kh6=]

60.Bb6! aiming for Rc7+. **60...c1Q**

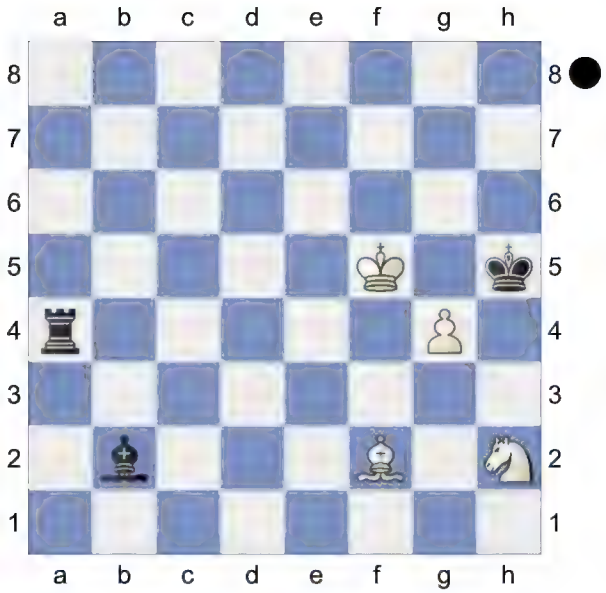


61.Rxc1 Bxc1 62.Bxf2 Endgame KRB-KBN **62...Ra3+ 63.Ke4 Ra4+ 64.Kf5 Kh6 65.Ng4+ Kxh5**



66.Nh2 Bb2 67.g4+

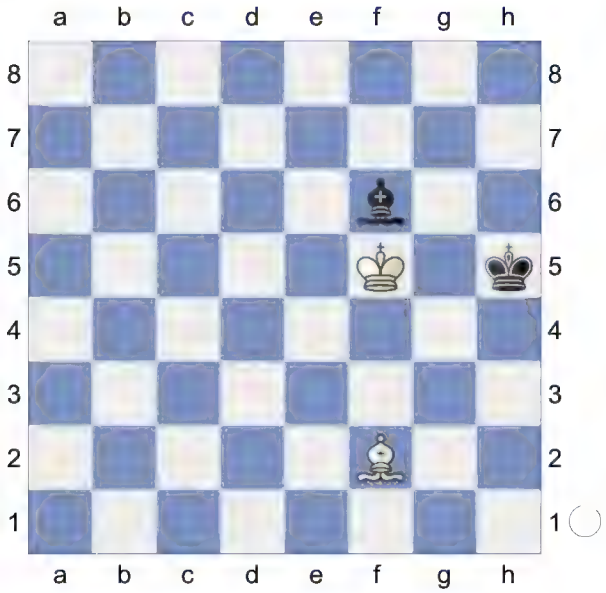
(Diagram)



Rxg4! 68.Nxg4 Bh8 69.Nf6+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

69...Bxf6



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37 **A26**

□ **Caissa,X** **2867**

■ **Arasanx** **2750**

Rapid 26.02.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6

6.e4 Nge7 7.Nge2 h5

[7...a6 8.h4 h6 9.Nd5 b5 10.0-0 0-0 11.b3 Rb8 12.Bd2 Kh7 13.Rc1 Bg4 14.f3 Bd7 15.Be3 Nd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Bf4 bxc4 18.bxc4 Rb2 19.Rf2 Rxf2 20.Kxf2 f5 21.Qd2 fxe4 22.dxe4 1-0 (51) 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 (2811)-Mendez Fortes,E (2684) 4NCL Birmingham 2001 (6.1)]

8.h4

[8.h3 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Ne2 Be6 11.b4 Qd7 12.Nf4 c5 13.b5 0-0 14.0-0 a6 15.b6 Nc6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bg5 Rf7 18.f4 Raf8 19.a4 Bf6 20.Bh6 Bg7 21.Bg5 Kh7 22.a5 Bh6 1-0 (45) Leenhouts,K (2442)-Hauge,L (2514) Titled Tuesday intern

op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (2)]

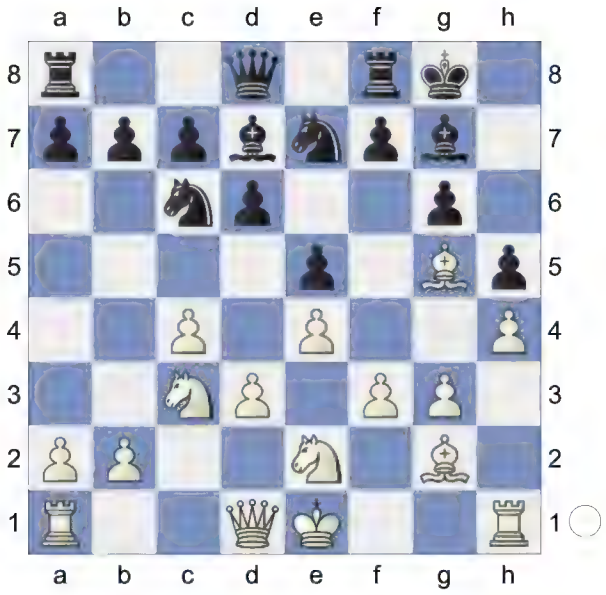
8...Bg4N

[8...Be6 9.Bg5 f6 10.Be3 Qd7 11.Nd5 0-0 12.0-0 f5 13.Bg5 Rf7 14.Qd2 Raf8 15.Rae1 fxe4 16.dxe4 Bg4 17.b3 Kh7 18.f4 Ng8 19.Ne3 Bh3 20.f5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Nce7 22.fxg6+ Kxg6 23.Rxf7 ½-½ (35) 5.♘g5 ♘gf6 6.♗d3 54933 (2702)-7.. ♘f6 8.h5 ♗h7 9. ♗d3 î (2673) 14th HZ Open 2010 (1.4)]

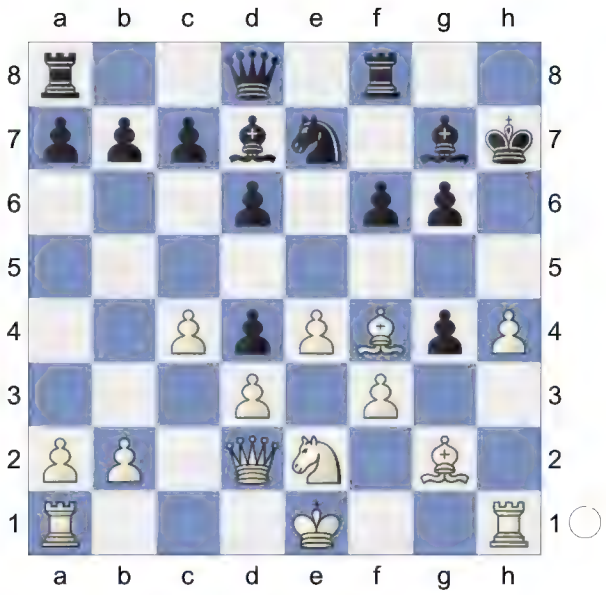
[8...0-0 9.0-0 Bg4 10.f3 Be6 11.Nd5 Qd7 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3 f5 14.Qd2 Rf7 15.Bg5 Kh7 16.b4 Ng8 17.Rab1 Raf8 18.b5 Nce7 19.f4 c6 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.Ne3 Nh6 22.d4 exd4 23.Nxd4 1-0 (48) Sipaila,J (2518)-Sukharev,S (2647) Balkaniad Varna 1994 (3) fxe4 24.Bxh6 Bxh6 25.Bxe4 Bg7 26.Rb7 Qxb7 27.Nxe6 Qd7 28.Nxf8+ Rxf8 29.f5 Kg8 30.Qd3 Be5 31.Kg2 d5 32.cxd5 cxd5 33.fxg6 Rxf1 34.Qxf1 Qe6 35.Bf5 Qf6 36.Qf3 d4 37.Nd5 Nxd5 38.Qxd5+ 1-0 (48) Miezis,N (2518)-Seirawan,Y (2647) 34th Olympiad 2000 (3)]

9.f3 Bd7 White is slightly better. **10.Bg5 0-0**

(Diagram)

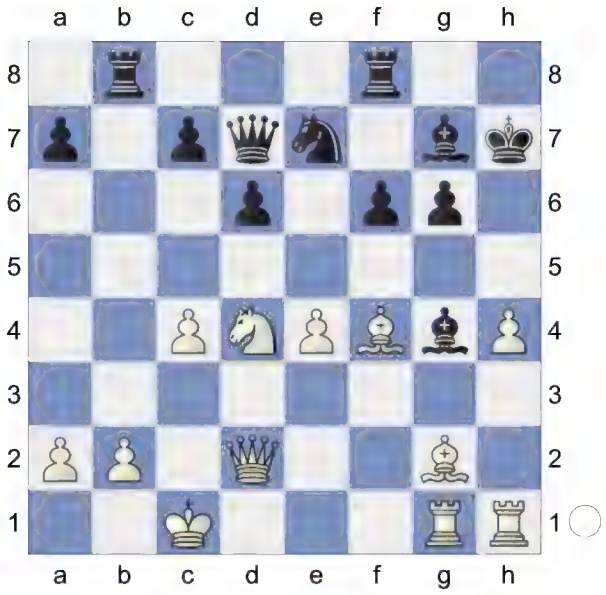


11.Qd2 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 Kh7 14.g4 f6 15.Bf4 hxg4



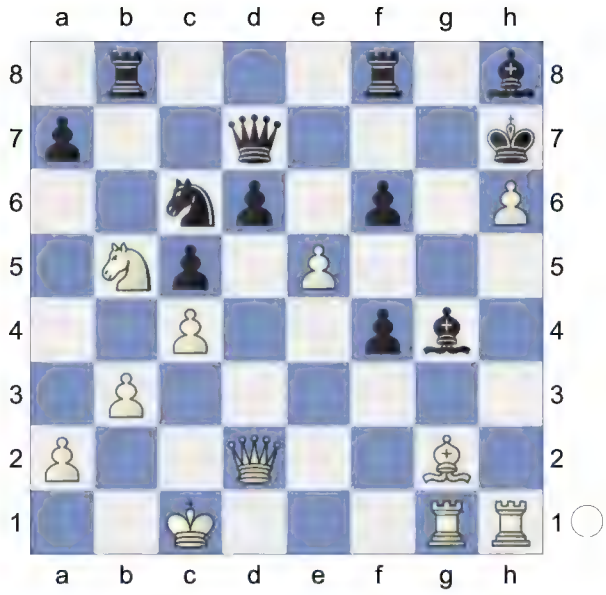
16.0-0-0 Rb8 17.Rdg1! White is more active. **17...b5 18.fxg4 bxc4 19.dxc4 Bxg4 20.Nxd4 Qd7**

(Diagram)

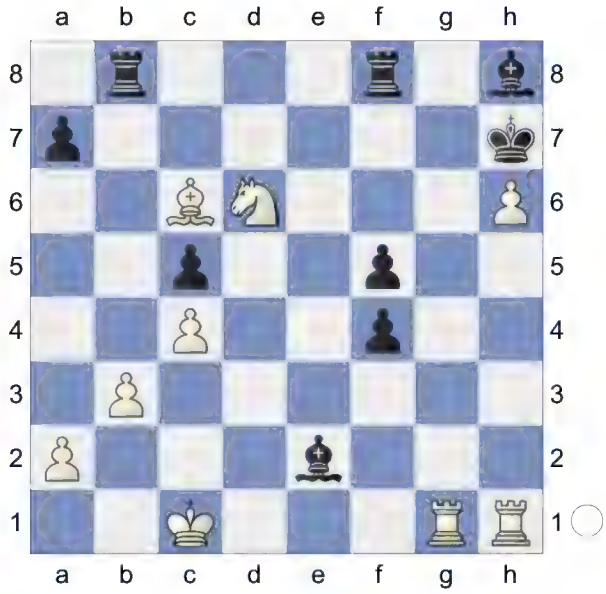


21.b3 c5 22.Nb5 Nc6 2.13/19
[22...Rbd8± 0.99/19]
23.h5!+-
[23.Nxd6 Nd4 24.Qe3 Ne2+ 25.Kc2 Rb6∓]
[23.Bxd6 Bh6 24.Bf4 Qxd2+ 25.Bxd2 Bxd2+ 26.Kxd2 Rbd8+ 27.Kc1 Rd3=]
[23.Qxd6?! Ne5 24.Qxd7 *(24.Qxc5? Nd3+ 25.Kb1 Nxc5-+)* 24...Bxd7 25.Bxe5 *(25.Nxa7? Nd3+ 26.Kb1 Nxf4-+)* 25...fxe5±]
23...g5 24.h6!
[24.Bxd6?! Rbd8±]
24...Bh8 25.e5!
[25.Bxd6?! Rbd8±]
25...gxf4 2.01/17
[25...Nb4± 1.07/16]

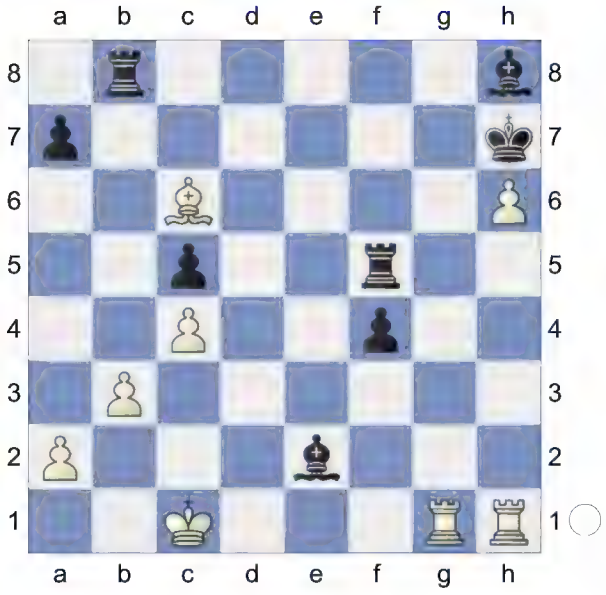
(Diagram)



26.e6! Deflection **26...Qxe6 27.Bxc6 Qe2 28.Qxe2**
[28.Qxf4 f5 29.Rxg4 Qxg4 30.Qxg4 *(30.Qxd6? Bf6∓)* 30...fxg4 31.Be4+ Kg8+-]
[28.Nxd6 Qxd2+ 29.Kxd2 f5 30.Rxg4 fxg4 31.Be4+ Kg8 32.Bd5+ Kh7 33.Be4+ Kg8 34.Bd5+ Kh7 35.Be4+=]
[28.Qxd6 f5 29.Qd7+ *(29.Qxc5? Qb2#)* 29...Kg6±]
28...Bxe2 29.Nxd6→ Black is in trouble.
29...f5

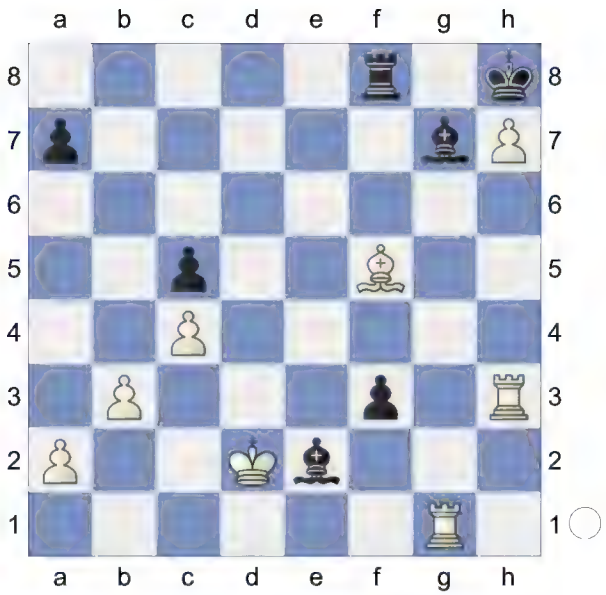


Inhibits Be4. **30.Nxf5** Be4 is the strong threat. **30...Rxf5** 3.12/16
[30...Bf6 1.93/20]

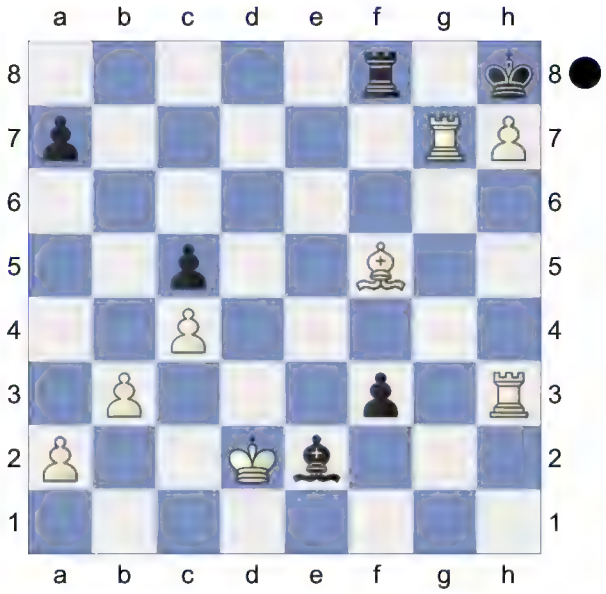


31.Be4 Pin **31...Rbf8 32.Rh3**
[32.Rg5 Bf3 33.Bxf5+ Rxf5 34.Rxf5 Bxh1 35.Rxf4 a5±]
Loses the game. **32...Bf6** 4.02/22
Against Rg5
[32...f3± 1.39/18 was necessary. 33.Rg5 Pin *(33.Bxf5+? Rxf5 34.Rhh1 f2-+)* 33...f2 34.Rxf5 *(34.Bxf5+ Rxf5 35.Rxf5 f1Q+ 36.Rxf1 Bxf1=)* 34...Rxf5 35.Bxf5+ Kg8 36.Rg3+ Kf7]
33.Bxf5+ Kh8 34.h7 White is clearly winning. **34...Bg7 35.Kd2 f3**

(Diagram)



Threatens to win with ...f2!.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise)
36.Rxg7!



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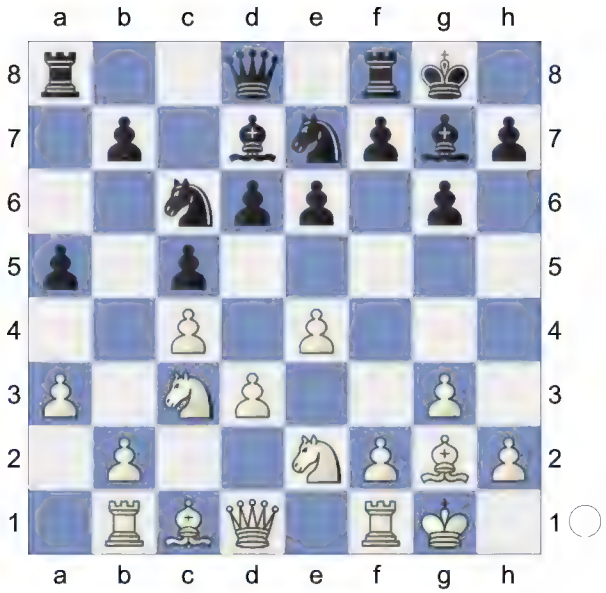
38 **A36**
□ **Avantage Ru** **2862**
■ **Snayperchess** **2683**
Blitz 14.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.c4 c5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 d6

6.e4 e6 7.Nge2 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Rb1 a5 10.a3 Bd7 0.58/19
[10...b6= 0.15/18 11.Be3 Bb7 12.d4 a4 13.d5 Ne5 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Nf4 Bc8 16.Qe2 N7c6 17.Nb5 Qe7 18.Rfd1 Rd8 19.Rbc1 Na5 20.Rc2 Bd7 21.Bh3 g5 22.Nxe6 Bxe6 23.Bxg5 Qxg5 24.Bxe6+ Kh8 25.Bf5 Qh6 ½-½ (44) Winter (2781)-Persse,D (2726) Martigny op 22nd 2013]

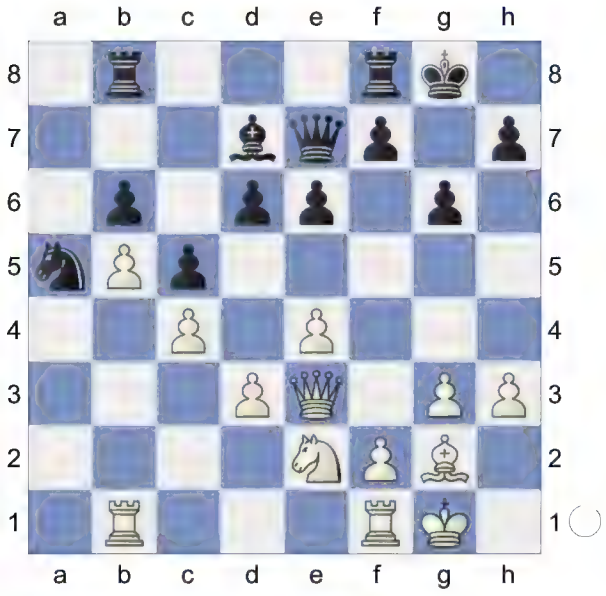
(Diagram)



11.Be3N
[11.Nb5 Qb6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 d5 14.exd5 exd5 15.Nec3 Nd4 16.Bxd4 cxd4 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Rad8 19.b4 a4 20.Qf3 Bc6 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Nd6 Be5 23.c5 Qa6 24.Nc4 Bb8 25.Rfe1 h5 0-1 (33) Adorjan,A-Radulov,I 9/360 Budapest 1970 26.Re7 h4 27.Nb6 Bd6 28.Rd7 hxg3 29.hxg3 Be5 30.Re1 Bd6 31.Qf6 Rxd7 32.Nxd7 Qc8 33.Qxd6 1-0 Stone,R-Stoinov,J Cuba ch-15 sf2 #3596 2002]
11...Nd4 12.b4 axb4 The position is equal. **13.axb4 b6 14.h3 Rb8 15.Qd2 Nec6**

(Diagram)

16.b5 Nxe2+ 17.Nxe2 Na5 1.28/18
[17...Nd4± 0.59/19]
18.Bh6± White is more active. **18...Bxh6 19.Qxh6 Qf6 20.Qe3 Qe7**



21.f4 f6 22.Kh2 Rbd8 23.Ng1 Bc8 24.Nf3 Bb7 25.h4 Qc7

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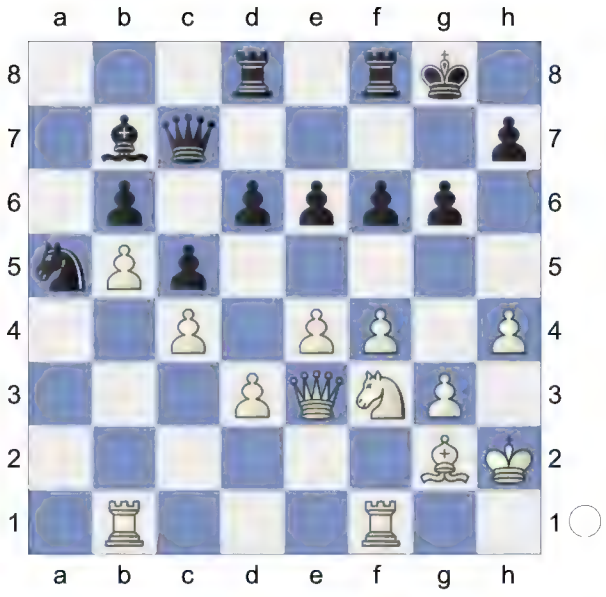
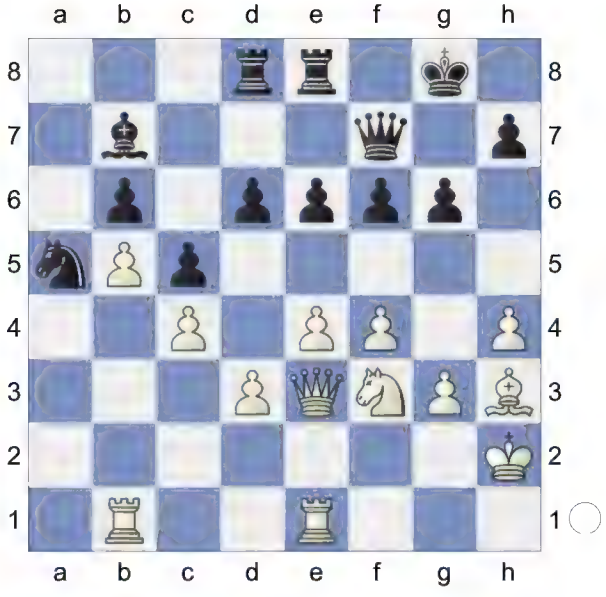
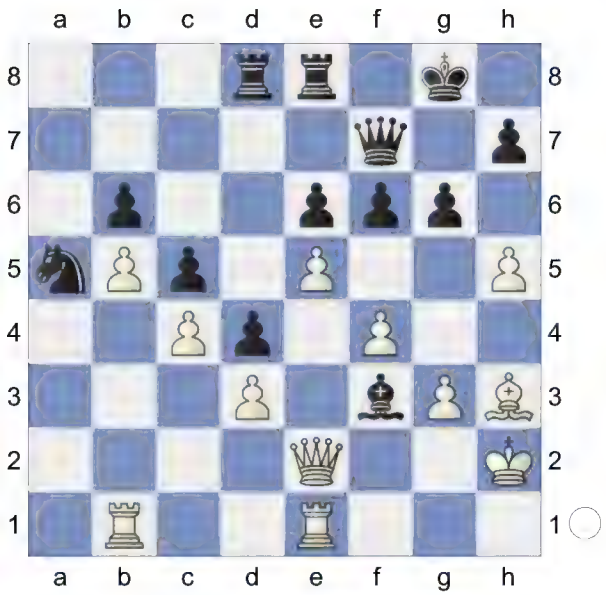


26.Bh3 Rfe8 27.Rfe1 Qf7

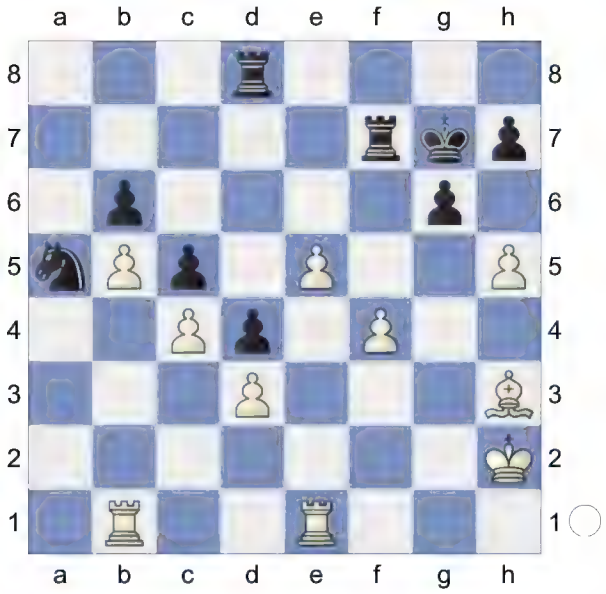


28.h5 0.17/17 **d5!= 29.e5** -0.73/19
[29.Qe2= 0.18/21 remains equal.]
This costs Black the game. **29...d4?** 2.40/23
[29...dxc4∓ -0.73/19 stays on course. 30.exf6 Bxf3 *(30...cxd3 31.Ne5∓)* 31.Qxf3 *(31.Bxe6? Rxe6 32.Qxe6 cxd3-+)* 31...cxd3]
30.Qe2 Bxf3

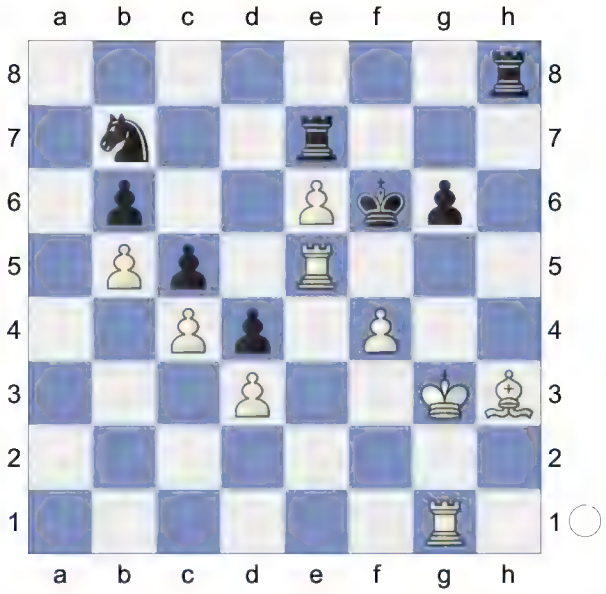
(Diagram)



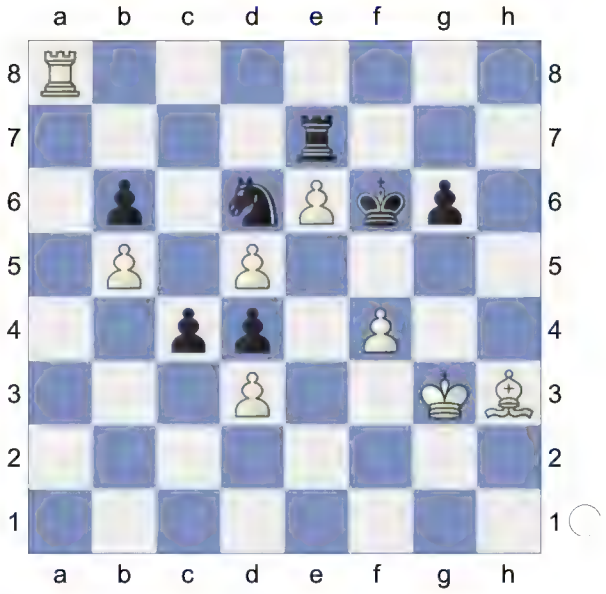
31.Qxf3 f5 32.g4↑ Black is under strong pressure. **32...fxg4** 2.91/20
[⌓32...Kh8 1.80/16 33.hxg6 hxg6]
33.Qxg4+- and Rg1 would now be decisive **33...Rf8** 4.27/19
[33...Kh8 2.76/19 might work better. 34.hxg6 Qxg6]
34.Qxe6 Kg7 35.Qxf7+
[35.Qxb6? Qxf4+ 36.Kh1 Qh4 37.Qc7+ Rf7-+]
35...Rxf7



36.e6 Re7 37.hxg6 hxg6 38.Re5 Kf6 39.Rg1 Rh8 40.Kg3 2.56/20
[⌓40.Reg5 4.58/22 Rg7 41.f5 Rxh3+ 42.Kxh3 Rh7+ 43.Kg4 gxf5+ Remove Defender 44.Rxf5+ Kxe6 45.Re1+ Kd7 46.Rf6]
40...Nb7



41.Rd5 Inhibits Nd6. **41...Rd8 42.Ra1 Rxd5 43.cxd5** KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **43...Nd6 44.Ra8** 1.84/19
[⌓44.Ra6 3.54/23 Rb7 45.Ra8]
44...c4? 5.28/21
[44...Re8 1.84/19 45.Ra6 Rb8]

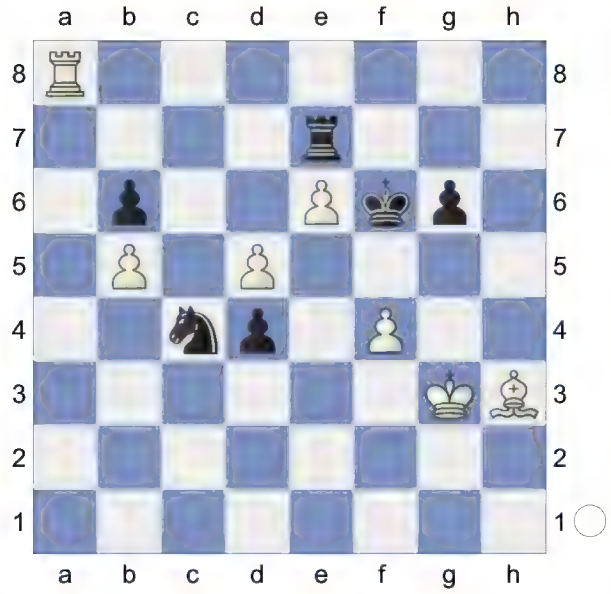


45.dxc4 2.50/16

[⌓45.Rf8+ 5.28/21 Kg7 46.Rd8]

45...Nxc4? 5.92/20

[45...d3 2.50/16 is a better chance. 46.Rd8 *(46.Rf8+ Kg7±)* 46...d2]

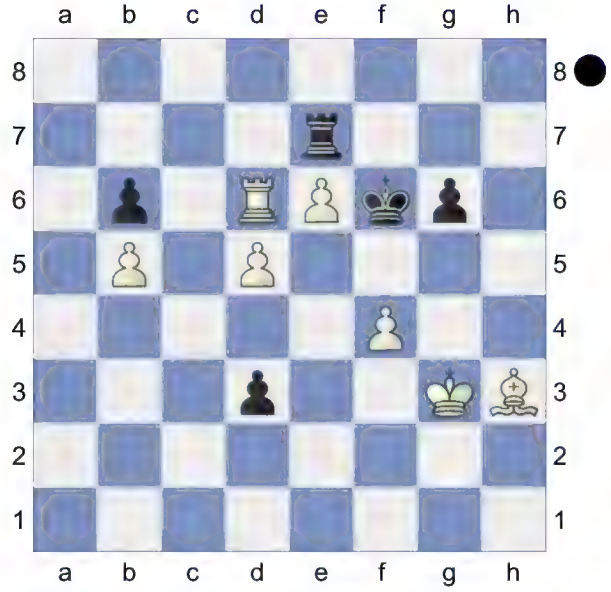


46.Rc8 White is clearly winning.

46...Nd6 47.Rc6 d3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.62

48.Rxd6



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39 **A21**

□ **Jsl** **2859**

■ **Adiosabu23** **2565**

Blitz 05.12.2019

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6

1.c4 d6 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.d3

[5.e3 c6 6.d4 exd4 7.exd4 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 cxd5 10.Ne2 Nc6 11.Nf4 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 0-0 14.0-0 Be6 15.Rfe1 Qf6 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.b4 a6 18.a4 b6 19.Qc3 Rd6 1-0 (52) 11.d5 c4 12. Bc2 Qc7 (2530)-Hruby,M (2365) 64/80 Budapest 1995 (3)]

5...0-0

6.e4N

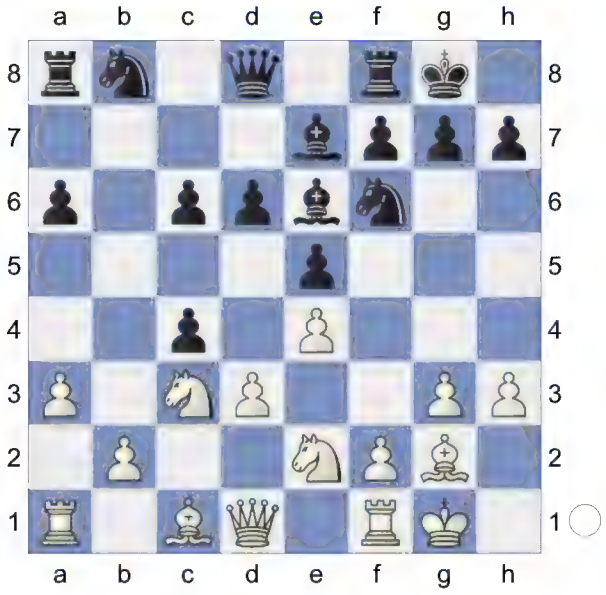
[6.b4 c6 7.Qb3 d5 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Nf3 d4 10.Na4 Nc6 11.a3 Be6 12.Qd1 Rc8 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Bd2 b5 15.Nb2 a6 16.Rc1 Bd5 17.e4 Be6 18.Ne1 a5 19.f4 f6 20.f5 Bf7 (29) Sanchez Romero,M-Gonnermann, J Zita-Bronstein 1946 21.Qg4 Kh8 22.Nc2 Qb6 23.Qe2 Rc7 24.bxa5

Nxa5 25.Nb4 Nb3 26.Rxc7 Qxc7 27.a4 bxa4 28.Nxa4 Nxd2 29.Qxd2 Qa5 Chapter-Games Chapter 3 (4)]
[6.Nf3 h6 7.0-0 c6 8.b4 Be6 9.Rb1 Nbd7 10.b5 d5 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.bxc6 bxc6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Nb5 Qa5 15.a4 Rac8 16.Nf3 d4 17.Bd2 Qa6 18.e3 dxe3 19.Bxe3 Nd5 20.Bxa7 Ra8 0-1 (61) Pennica,A (2094)-Zamar Kodelja,J (2254) Nova Gorica HIT op 27th 2023 (3)]

6...c6 7.Nge2 a6 8.0-0 0.18/20
[8.a4!± 0.54/22]

8...b5= 9.a3 Be6 10.h3 -0.39/18
[10.b3± 0.33/18]

10...bxc4∓



11.d4 Nbd7 12.f4

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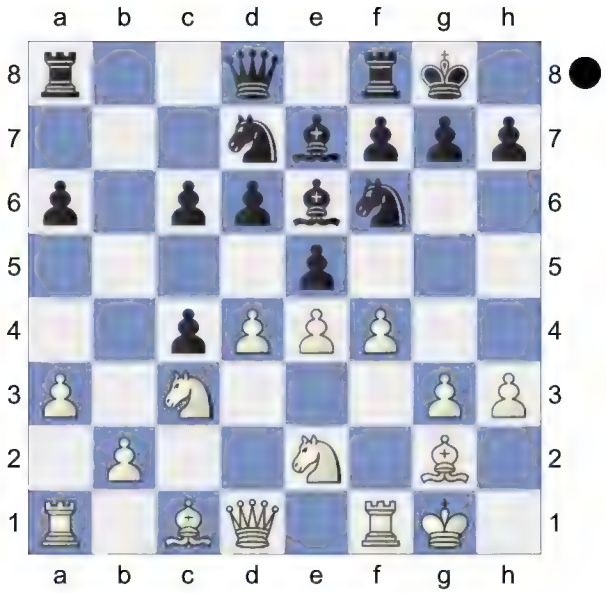


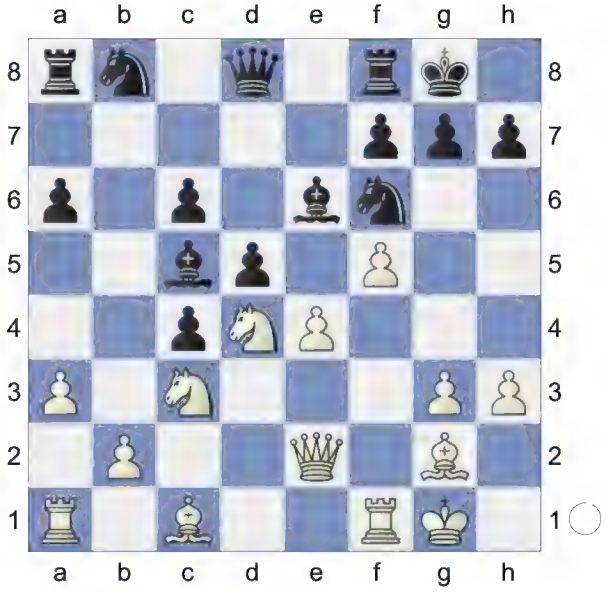
exd4 0.80/19
[12...Nb6= -0.30/18]

13.Nxd4± Nb8 1.32/20
[⌓13...Nc5 0.78/20]

14.Qe2 White is more active. **14...d5** 1.48/19
[Black should try 14...Bd7 1.12/21]

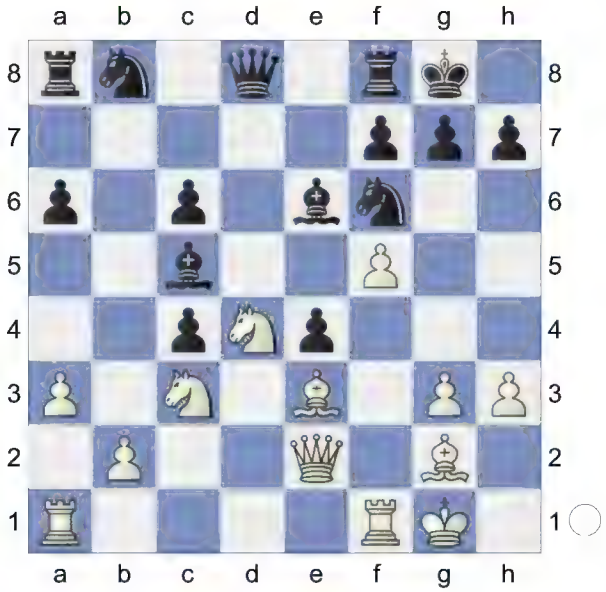
15.f5? -0.13/19
[White should try 15.Be3± 1.48/19]

15...Bc5



16.Be3 Black cannot hold the game after this. **16...dxe4?** 2.11/21
[16...Bc8!= -0.08/18 and Black stays

safe.]



17.Nxe6+-
[17.fxe6?! Bxd4 18.Nxe4 fxe6±]
17...Bxe3+ 18.Qxe3 fxe6 19.fxe6
[19.Bxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 *(20.Qxe4 exf5 21.Qxc4+ Kh8=)* 20...exf5=]
19...Qd3 3.64/19
[⌓19...Qe7 2.25/19 20.Bxe4 *(20.Nxe4 Qxe6 21.Rae1 Qf7+-)* 20...Kh8]
20.Rae1 Black must now prevent Qc5.
20...Re8? 4.03/20
[20...Qxe3+ 2.38/17 21.Rxe3 a5 22.Nxe4 *(22.Bxe4 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Rxf1+ 24.Kxf1 Na6+-)* 22...Nd5]

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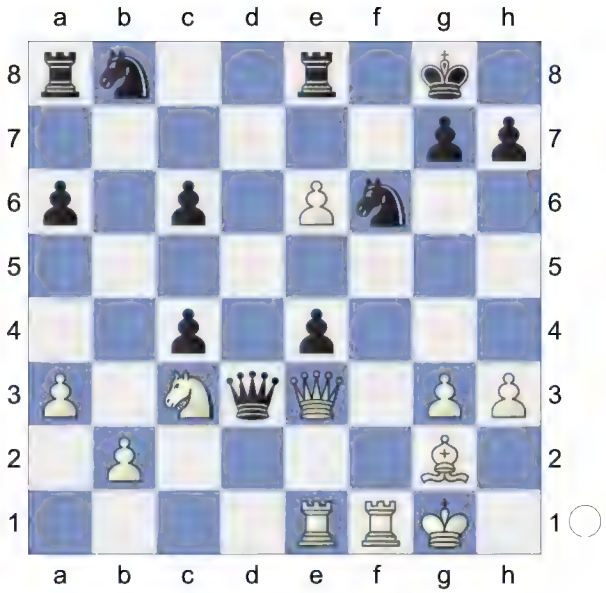
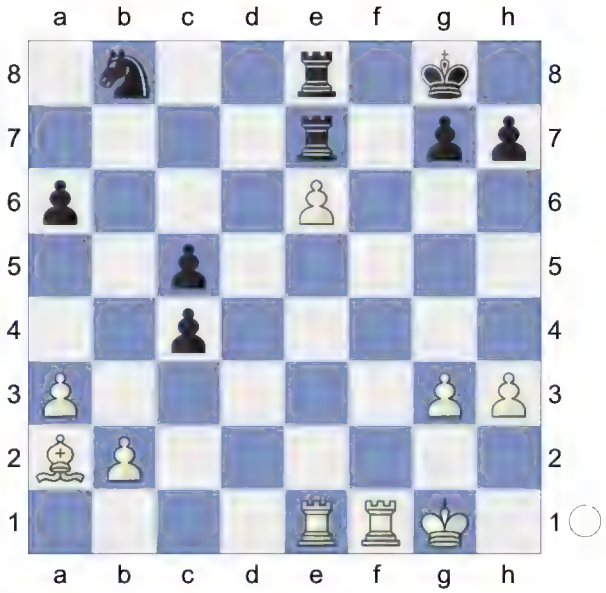


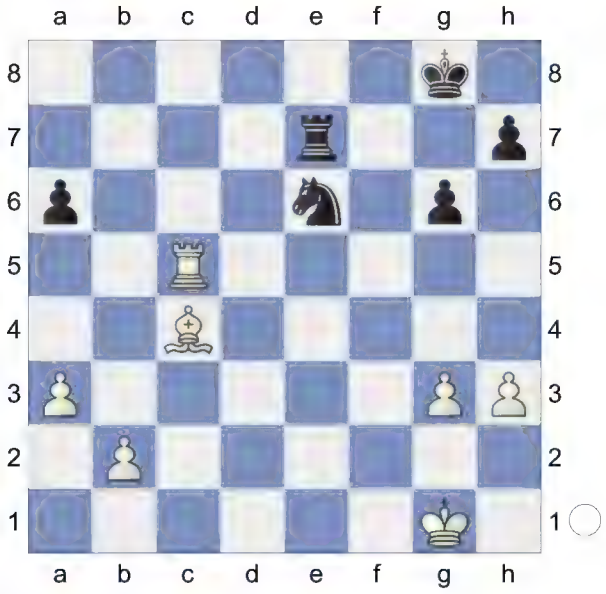
21.Nxe4
[21.Bxe4 Qxe3+ 22.Rxe3 Nxe4+-]
21...Nxe4 22.Qxe4
[22.Bxe4 Qxe3+ 23.Rxe3 g6+-]
22...Qxe4 23.Bxe4 Ra7 24.Bb1 Rae7 25.Ba2 c5



26.Bxc4 Nc6 27.Rf7
[Much less strong is 27.Bxa6 Rd8 28.Re4 Rb8]
27...Nd4 4.59/20
[27...a5 3.16/16 was worth a try. 28.Ref1 Ne5]
28.Re5 White is clearly winning.

[28.Bxa6 Rxe6 29.Rxe6 Rxe6±]

28...g6 29.Rxc5 Nxe6 30.Rxe7 Rxe7



31.Rc6 Kf7

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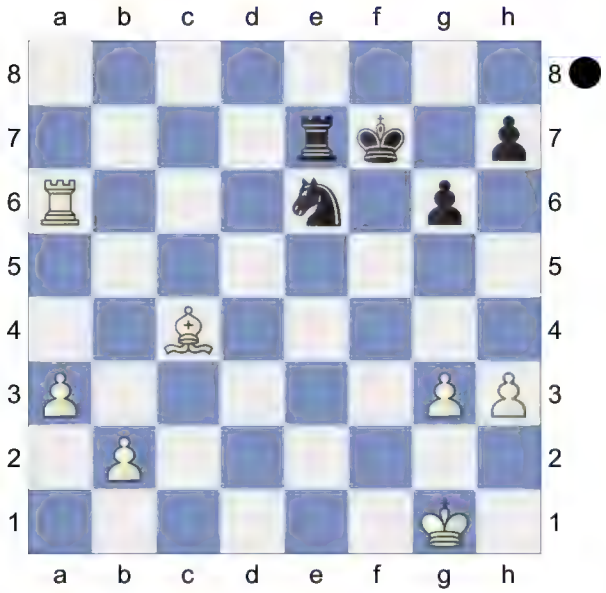
32.Rxa6



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40 **A26**

□ **BIZOO** **2857**

■ **Anuar Is** **2816**

Blitz 03.05.2022

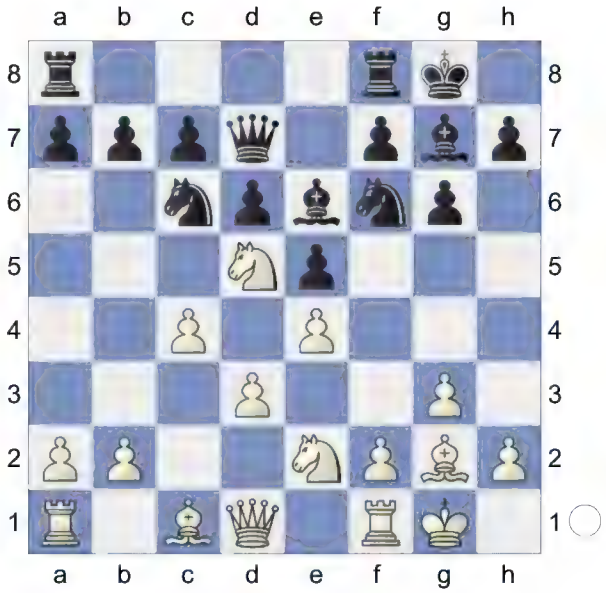
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.d3 d6

6.e4 e5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.0-0 Be6 9.Nd5 Qd7



10.Bh6N -0.13/20

[10.Bg5 Ne8 11.Qd2 f6 12.Be3 Nd8 *(12...Ne7 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.f4 Bh6 15.f5 Bxe3+ 16.Qxe3 Bf7 17.fxg6 hxg6 18.Qh6 c6 19.Rf2 Nc7 20.Raf1 Be8 21.d4 Qg7 22.Qe3 Qe7 23.h4 Bd7 24.Bf3 b6 25.h5 gxh5 26.Bxh5 Qg7 27.d5* 1-0 (52) Varnam,L (2516)-Tomczak,J (2357) Haninge 1990 *)* 13.f4

A) 13...c6 14.Ndc3 *(14.f5 gxf5 15.exf5 Bf7 16.Ndc3 Nc7 17.Rad1 d5 18.d4 e4 19.g4 dxc4 20.Nxe4 Bd5 21.N2c3* Theory,A *)* 14...f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.b3 Nf6 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.d4 Ng4 19.Rad1 Chapter Botvinnik System 6...Nf6 2010;

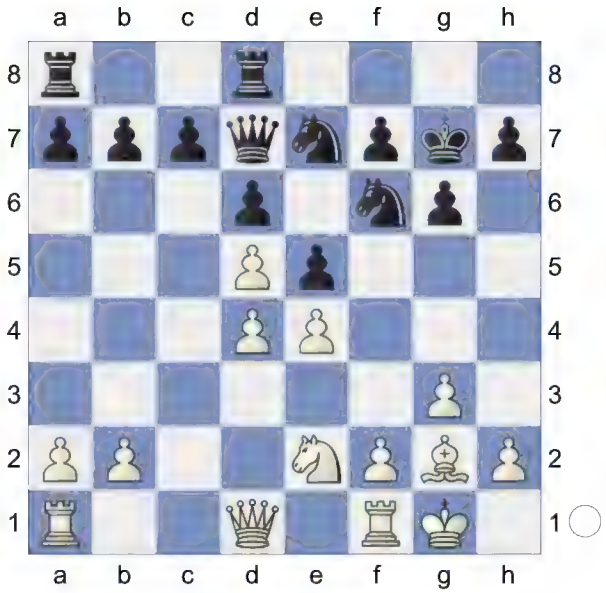
B) 13...f5 14.c5 c6 15.Ndc3 d5 16.exd5 cxd5 17.fxe5 Bxe5 18.d4 Theory 1A: 2... g6 & 3... Bg7-Theory,A]

10...Bxd5

11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.cxd5 The position is equal. **12...Ne7 13.d4 Rfd8** 1.00/18

[13...c6!= 0.03/17]

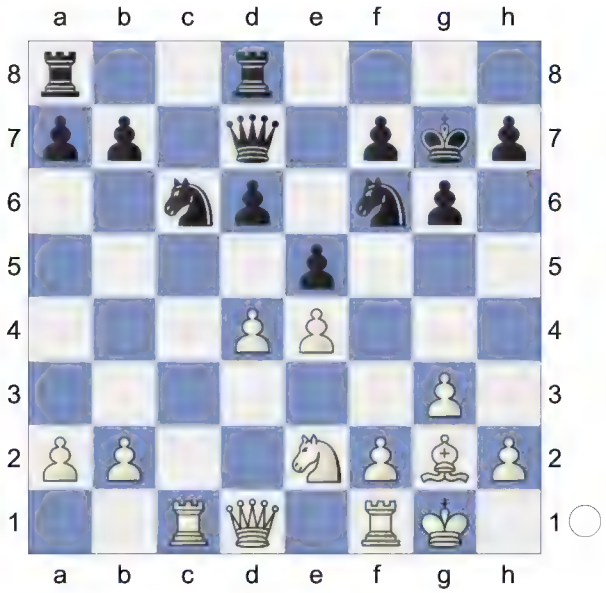
(Diagram)



14.Rc1 0.17/17

[14.f4!± 1.00/18 exf4 15.Rxf4 *(15.Nxf4 Ng4=)*]

14...c6!= 15.dxc6 Nxc6



16.d5 Ne7 17.Qb3 Rdc8 18.h3 a6 19.a4 Ne8 20.f4 Rxc1

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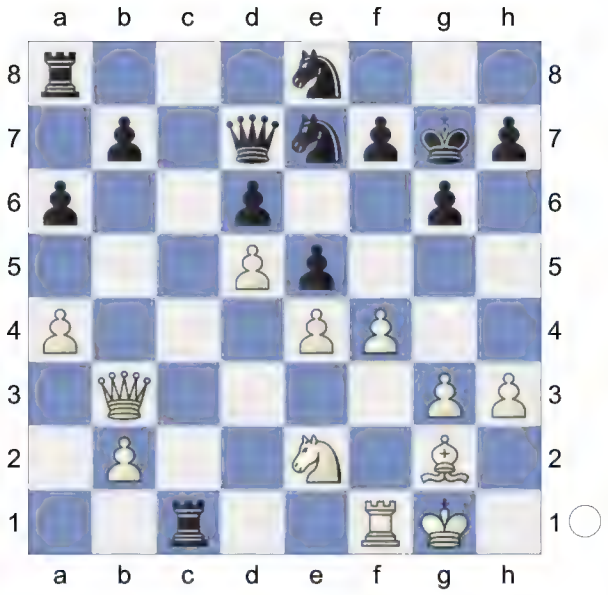
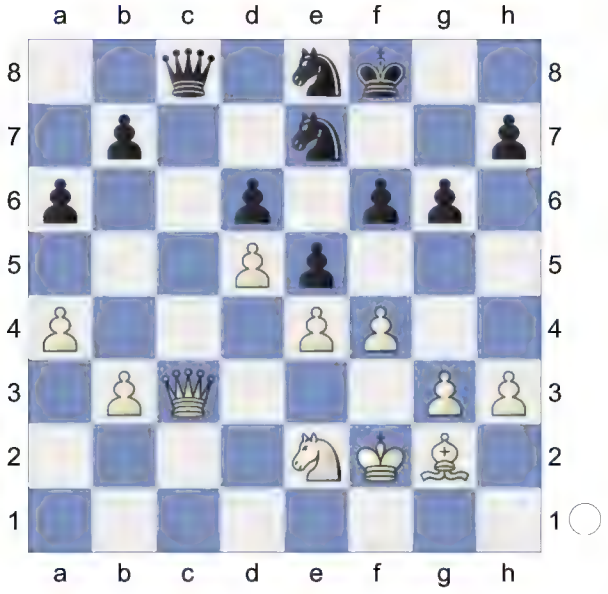


21.Rxc1 Rc8 22.Rc3 Rxc3 23.Qxc3 f6 24.b3 Black is weak on the light squares **24...Qc8 25.Kf2 Kf8**

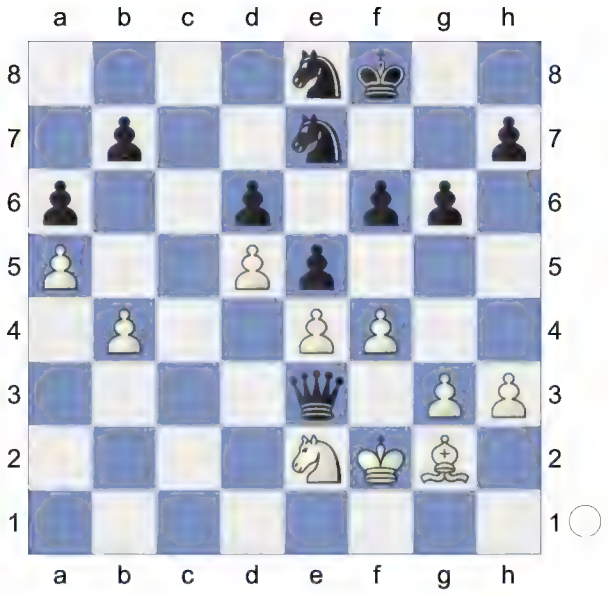


26.a5 Qb8 27.b4 Nc7 28.Qe3 Ne8 0.54/18

[28...Nb5= 0.16/19]

29.Qc3 Qa7+ 30.Qe3 Qxe3+

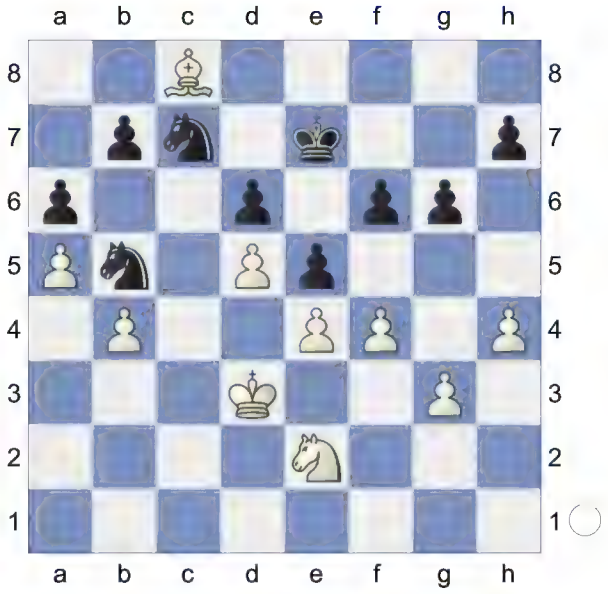
(Diagram)



31.Kxe3 Endgame KBN-KNN **31...Nc8 32.h4 Ke7 33.Bh3 Na7 34.Kd3** A mistake that costs the game. **34...Nb5?** 3.32/21

[34...Ng7= 0.20/20 and Black is okay.]

35.Bc8+- Nec7

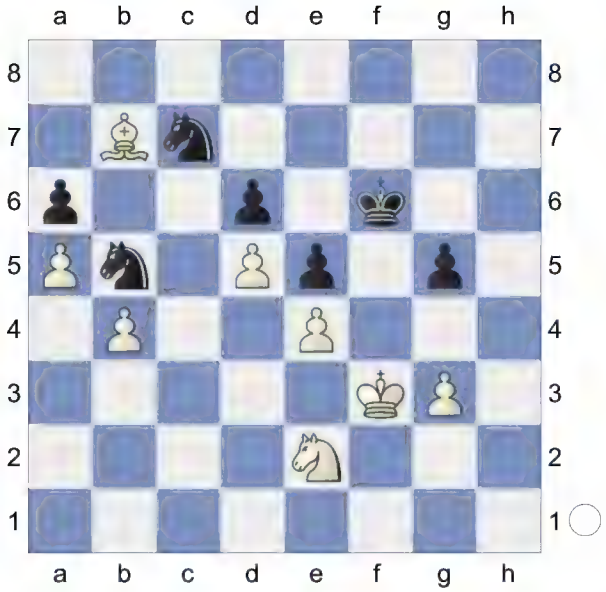


36.Bxb7 h6 37.Ke3 g5 4.99/22

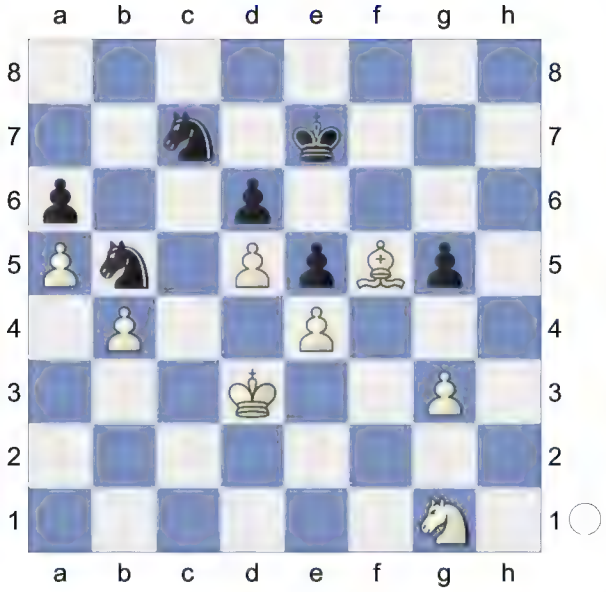
[37...Kd7 3.38/22 38.Kd3 g5 39.fxe5 dxe5 40.Bc6+ Kd8 41.hxg5 fxg5]

38.fxg5 fxg5 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Kf3 Kf6? 4.91/23

[40...Na3 2.80/22 41.Nc1 Nc2]

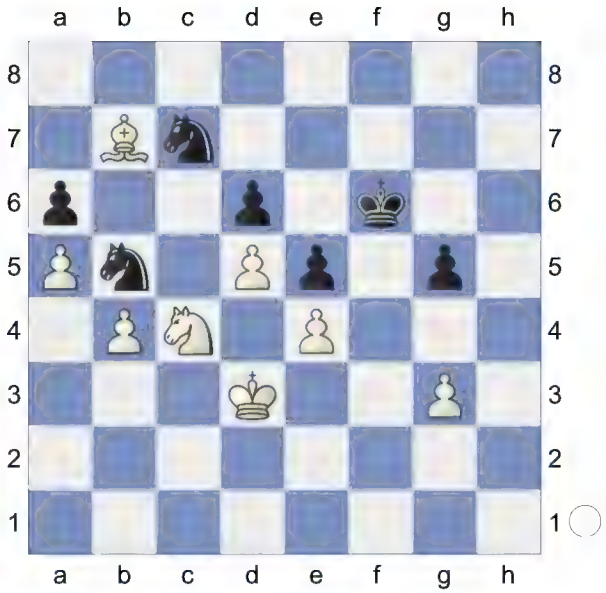


41.Ke3 Ke7 42.Bc8 Kd8 43.Bf5 Ke7 44.Kd3 Kd8 45.Ng1 Ke7? 4.79/21
[45...Nd4 2.52/21 46.Bg6 Ncb5]

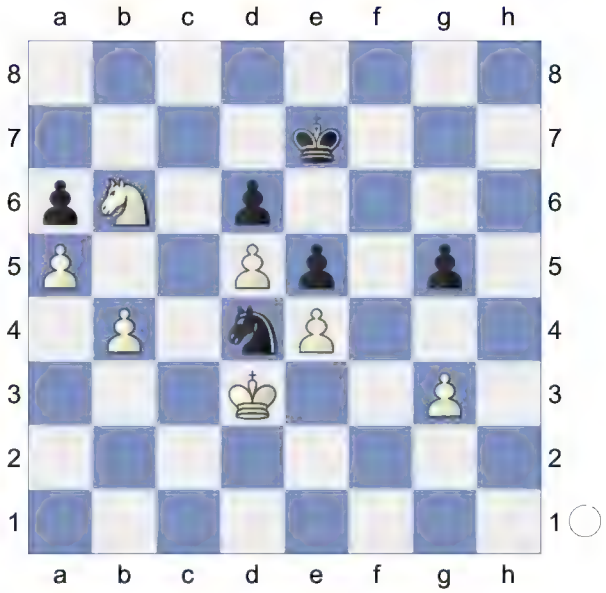


46.Nf3 Kf6 47.Bc8 Na3 48.Nd2 Nab5 49.Nc4 Ke7 50.Bb7 Kf6

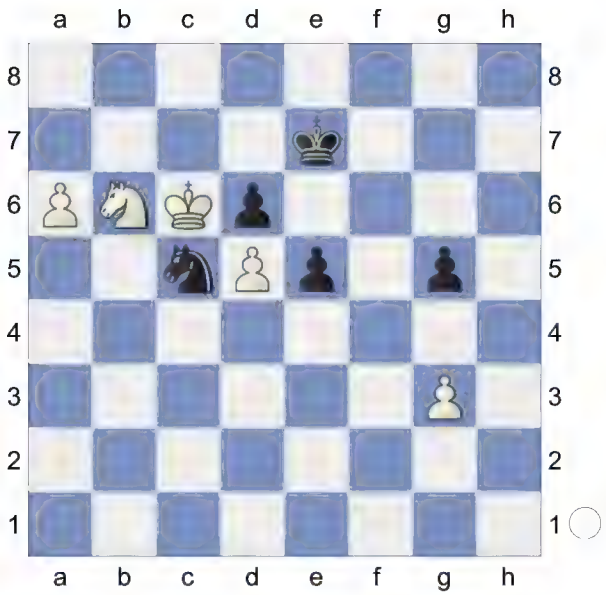
(Diagram)



51.Bc6 Ke7 52.Nb6 Na7 53.Nc4 Nab5? 5.20/23
[53...Nxc6 2.64/21 might work better. 54.dxc6 Nb5]
54.Bxb5 Nxb5 KN-KN. White is a pawn up. **55.Nb6 Nd4**



56.Kc4 and Nc8+ would now be decisive
56...Ne2? 10.01/24
[56...Kd8 2.65/28 57.Kd3 Nb5]
57.b5 White is clearly winning.
57...axb5+ 58.Kxb5 Nc3+ 59.Kc6 Nxe4 60.a6 Nc5
(Diagram)



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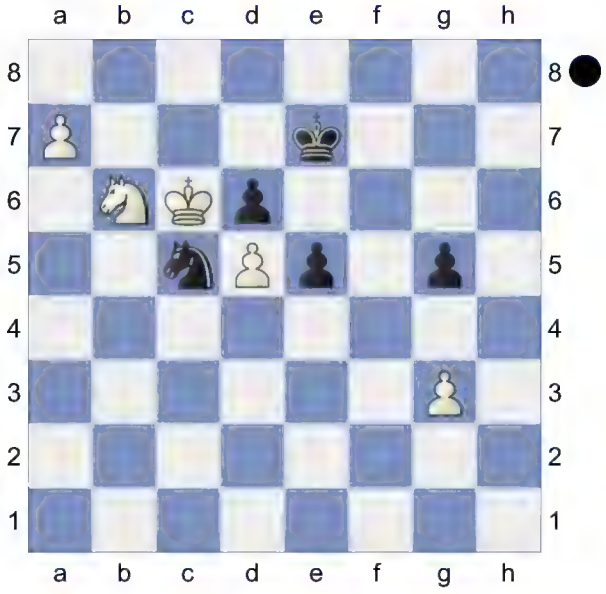

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41 **A26**

Carlsen,Magnus **2853**

Hakobyan,Aram **2608**

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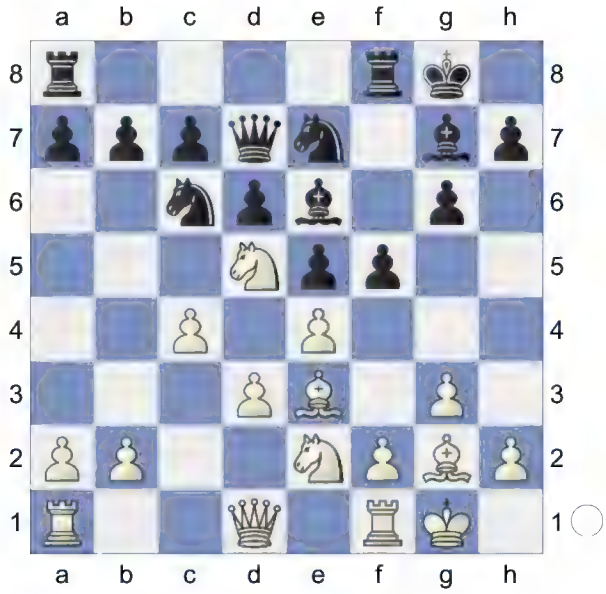
[Kitty Kat]

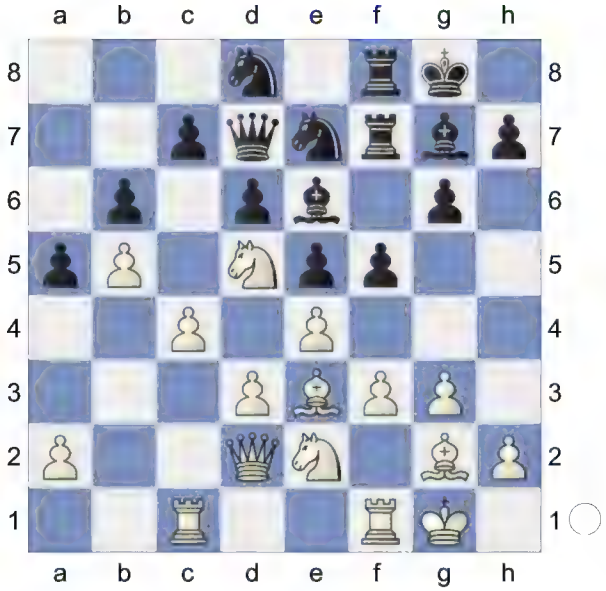
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 g6 2.e4 e5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6

6.d3 Nge7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 f5 9.Be3 Be6 10.Nd5 Qd7



11.Qd2 Rf7 12.f3 Raf8 13.Rac1
[13.Rae1 Kh8 14.b3 Ng8 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.d4 Bh3 17.Ndc3 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 exd4 19.Nxd4 Nge7 20.Bg1 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 Nf5 22.Bxg7+ Nxg7 23.Re4 a6 24.Nd5 c6 25.Ne3 Re7 26.Rxe7 Qxe7 27.Re1 Qf6 ½-½ (44) Smejkal,J (2535)-Jussupow, A (2655) Bundesliga 9192 1991 [2]]
13...b6N
[13...Nc8 14.b3 Nb6 15.a4 Nd4 16.Bxd4 exd4 17.a5 Nc8 18.Ndf4 fxe4 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.dxe4 c5 21.Rce1 Ne7 22.f4 b5 23.axb6 axb6 24.Nc1 Rb8 25.Nd3 b5 26.Qc2 Merkuriev,V corr 1891]
14.b4 White is slightly better. **14...a5** 0.74/20
[14...Nd4± 0.35/20 is superior.]
15.b5± Nd8



16.Bg5 White has more active pieces.
16...Bxd5 17.cxd5 Nb7 18.Bh3 h6

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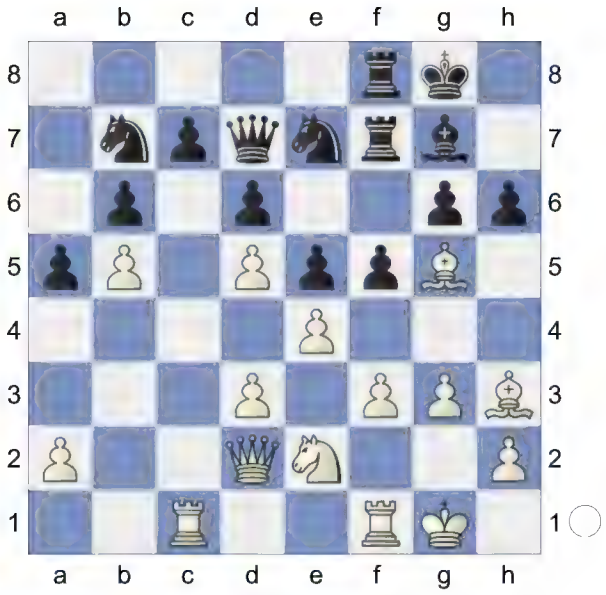
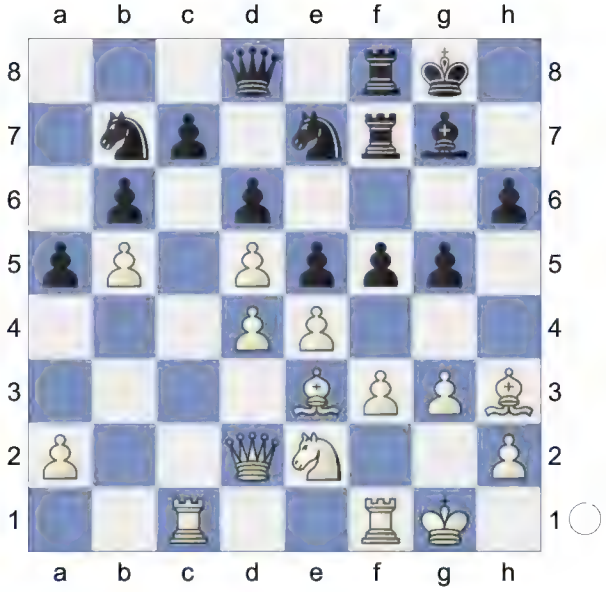


19.Be3
[19.Bxh6 Bxh6 20.Qxh6 Rh7 *(20...Qxb5 21.Rxc7 Qxd3 22.Rxb7+-)* 21.Bxf5 gxf5 22.Qe6+ Qxe6 23.dxe6 Nc5∓]
19...Qd8 1.36/19
[⌓19...g5 0.96/19]
20.d4
[20.Bxh6? Bxh6 21.Qxh6 Rh7-+]
20...g5



21.Qc2 This move loses the game for Black. **21...g4?** 3.36/19 **22.fxg4+- fxe4 23.Rxf7**

[23.Qxe4 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 25.Bxf1 Qf8+-]

23...Rxf7 24.g5

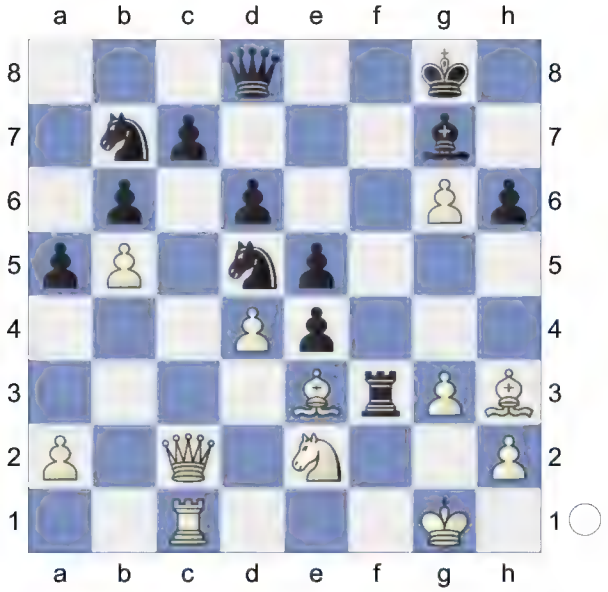
[Not 24.Qxe4 exd4 25.Bxd4 *(25.Nxd4 Nc5±)* 25...Nc5 26.Bxc5 dxc5+-]

[24.Qxc7 Nxd5 25.Qxd8+ Nxd8=]

24...Nxd5 25.g6

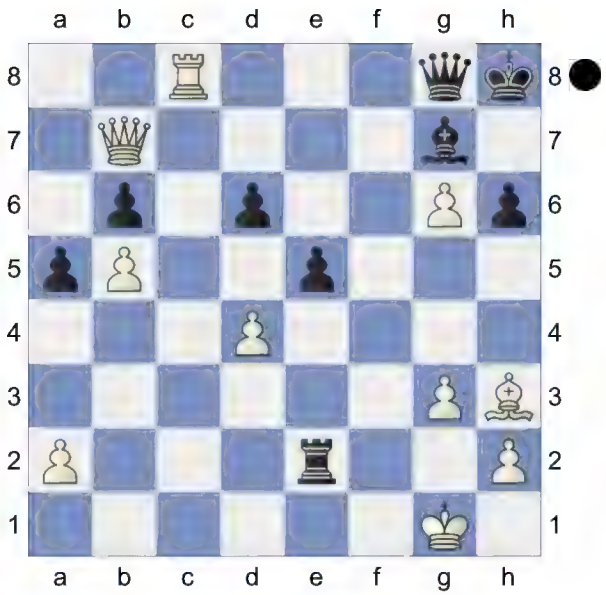
[Much less strong is 25.Qxe4 Nxe3 26.Be6 *(26.Qxb7 Kh8±; 26.Qxe3 exd4 27.Qb3 Kf8+-)* 26...Qe8+-]

25...Rf3

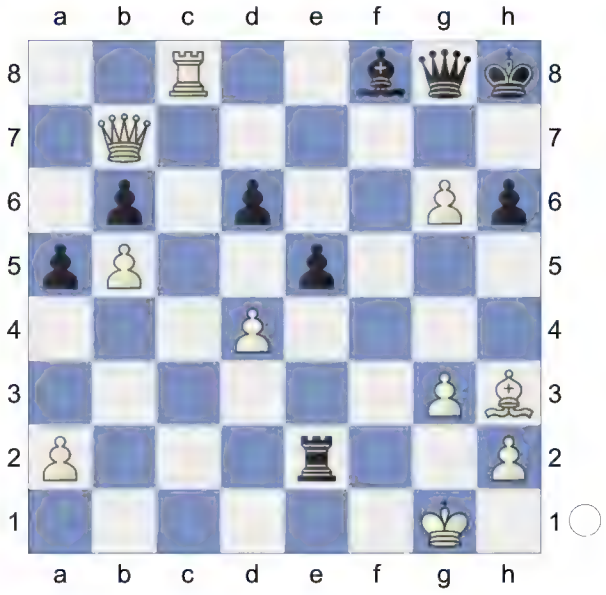


26.Qxe4 Rxe3 27.Qxd5+ Black is weak on the light squares **27...Kh8 28.Qxb7 Rxe2 29.Rxc7** White threatens Rc8 and mate. **29...Qg8 30.Rc8**

(Diagram)



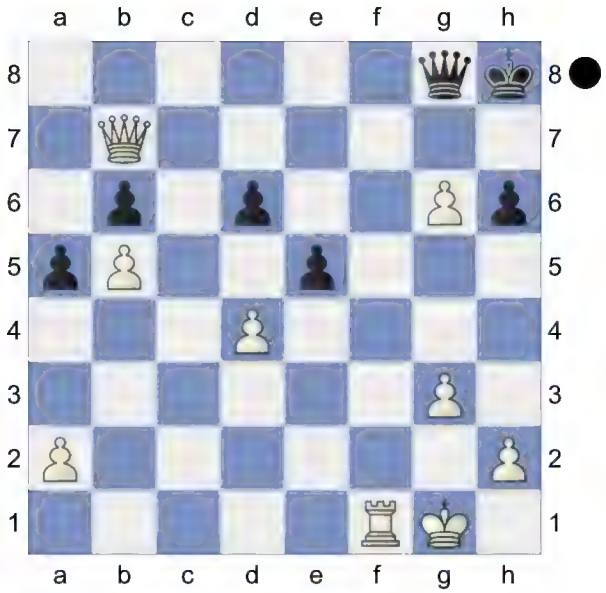
Pin **30...Bf8**



31.Rxf8 Pin **31...Re1+ 32.Bf1 Rxf1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.71

33.Rxf1

(Diagram)



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□ **Caissa,X** **2849**
■ **Arasanx** **2699**
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[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6

(Diagram)

6.e4 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.Nd5 0-0 9.Bg5
[9.0-0 simplifies Nxd5 10.cxd5 Ne7 11.a4]
9...Ne7
[9...Be6 10.Qd2 Qd7 11.0-0 Nh5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.b4 Rae8 14.b5 Nd8 15.Bxd8 Rxd8 16.Nb4 Rb8 17.Qe3 Bh3 18.Rab1 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 c6 20.Qxa7 cxb5 21.cxb5 Qxb5 22.Qe3 Rbc8 23.Rfc1 Nf6 24.Nc3 ; -; (64) Morozov,Y (2628)-3. ♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 de 5. ♘e5 (2579) Beer-Sheva 54/469 1992 (4.3)]
10.Rc1N
[10.0-0 c6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bxf6 Rxf6 13.d4 Be6 14.d5 Bf7 15.Qd2 fxe4 16.Nc3 cxd5 17.cxd5 Be8 18.Nxe4 Rf8 19.Rac1 Bb5 20.Rfe1 Nf5 21.Ng5 Qb6 22.Ne6 Rf7 23.Be4 Nd4 24.Nxd4 exd4 1-0 (37) Cela,A (2483)-Krush,I (2411) Smartchess.com 2nd 2001 (6) 25.Rcd1 Raf8 26.f4 Re7 27.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 28.Rxd4 Rfe8 29.Kf2 Bd7 30.Kf3 h5 31.Ke3 Bf5 32.Kd3 Kg7 33.a4 b6 34.Rc4 Kf6 35.h4 Kg7 36.Re3 a5 37.Re1 Kf6 ½-½ Cekro,E (2419)-Bogut,Z (2403) BIH-chT Neum

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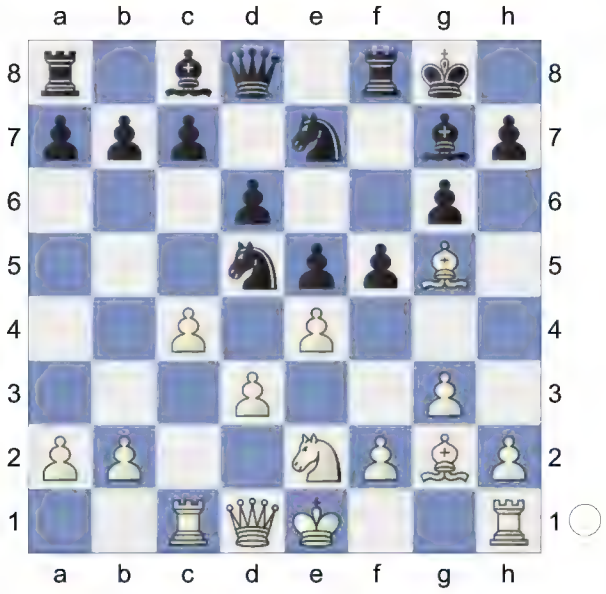
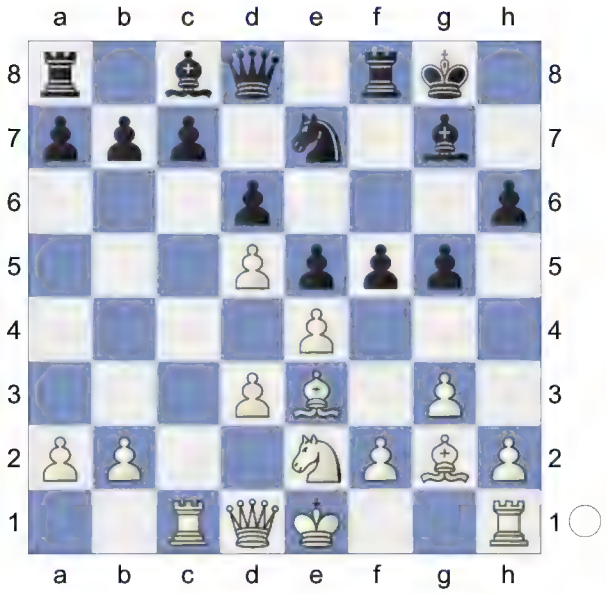
10...Nfxd5

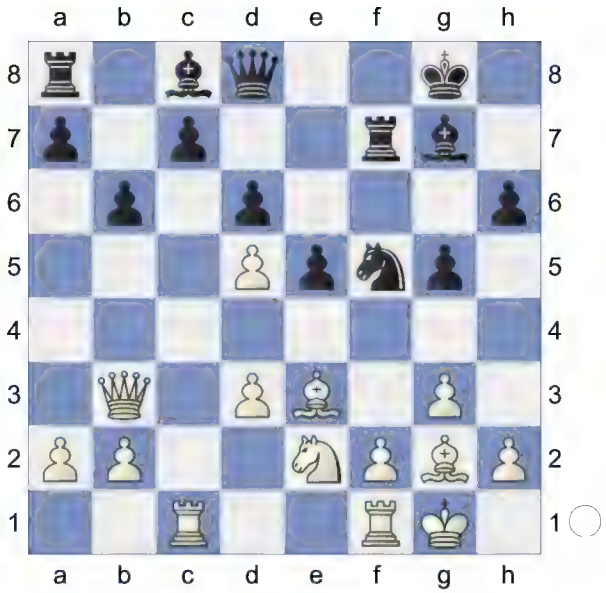


The position is equal. **11.cxd5 h6 12.Be3 g5**

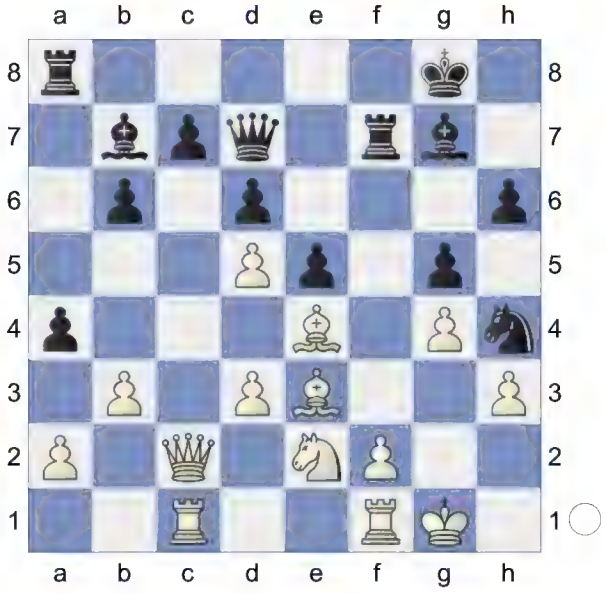


And now ...f4 would win. **13.exf5 Nxf5 14.0-0 Rf7 15.Qb3 b6**

(Diagram)



16.h3 a5 17.g4 a4 18.Qc2 White is more active. **18...Nh4 19.Be4 Bb7 20.b3 Qd7**

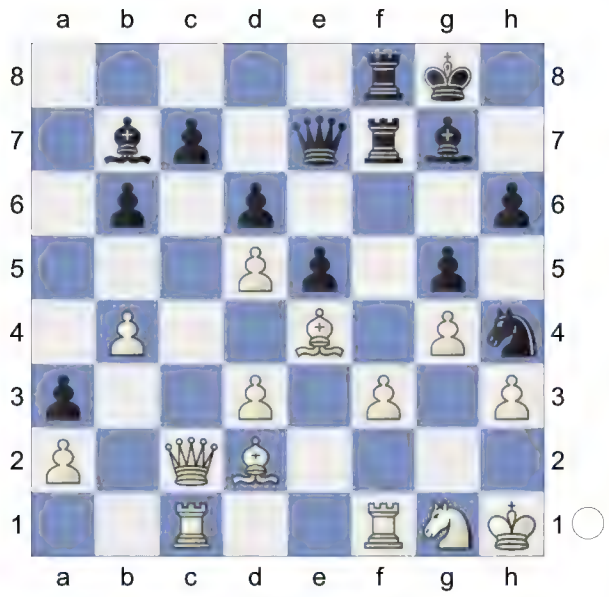


21.Kh1 Bf6 22.f3 Bg7 23.Bd2 Raf8 24.Ng1 Black is now going downhill. **24...a3** 1.18/21

[⌓24...axb3 0.75/20 25.axb3 Qb5]

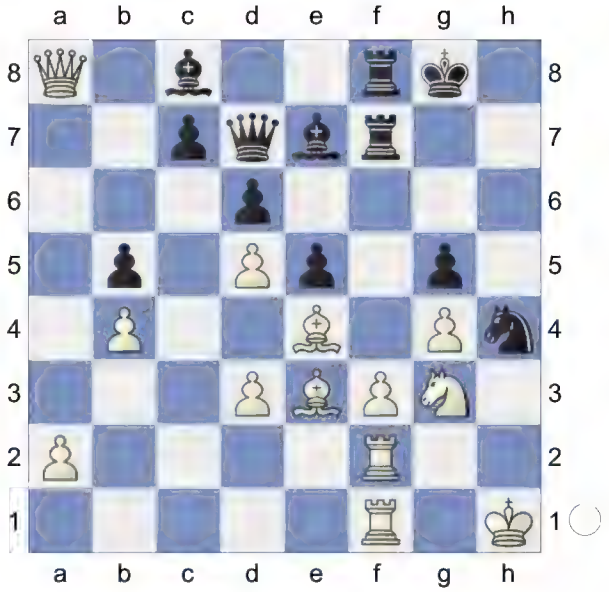
25.b4± Qe7

(Diagram)

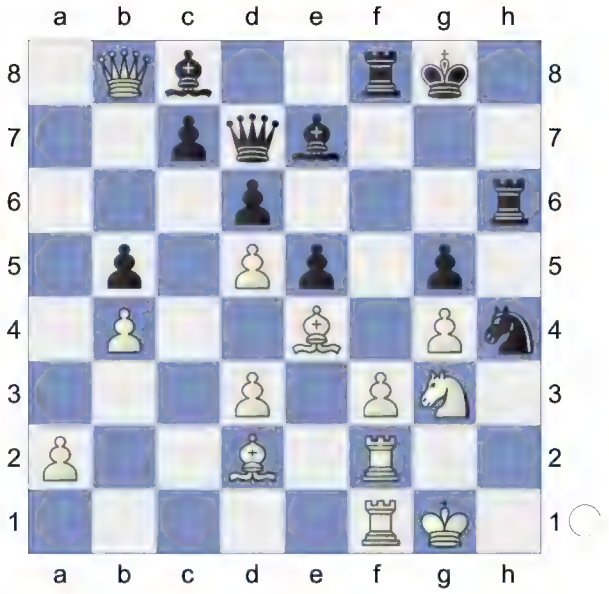


26.Be3 h5 27.Rf2
[27.gxh5 Bh6=]
27...Bf6 28.Qb3
[28.gxh5?! Bc8±]
28...Qd7 29.Qxa3
[29.gxh5 Bd8=]
29...Bd8 30.Qa7
[30.gxh5 Nxf3 31.Rg2 *(31.Rxf3? Rxf3 32.Bxf3 Rxf3-+)* 31...Nxg1 32.Kxg1 Qxh3∓]
30...Bc8

31.Qa8
[31.gxh5 Nf5 32.Bxf5 Qxf5±]
31...b5 32.Rcf1
[32.gxh5?! Nf5±]
32...Be7 33.Ne2
[33.gxh5 Nf5 34.Bd2 Ng3+ 35.Kh2 Nxf1+ 36.Rxf1 Kg7=]
33...Qe8 34.Ng3
[34.gxh5 Qd7 35.Ng1 Nf5=]
34...hxg4 35.hxg4
[35.fxg4 Rxf2 36.Rxf2 Rxf2]
35...Qd7



36.Kg1 Kg7 37.Bd2 Rh8 38.Qa3 Kg8 39.Qa7 Rh6 40.Qb8 Rf8



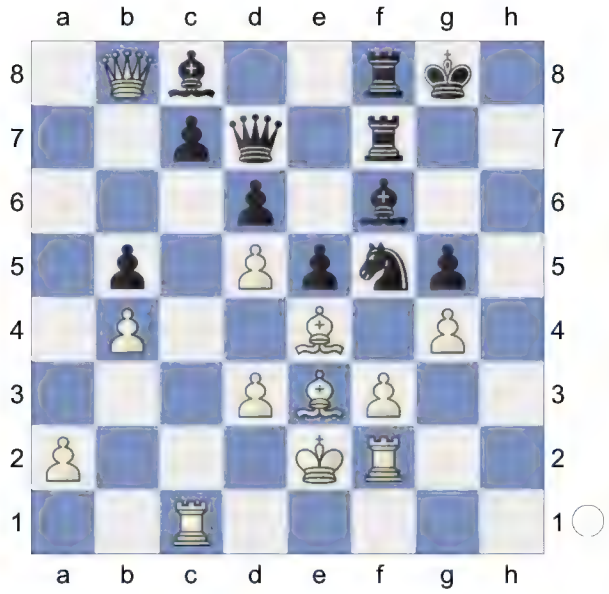
41.Rc1 Bd8 42.Kf1 Rhf6 43.Ke2

[43.Bxg5 Rxf3 44.Bxf3 Nxf3±]

43...R6f7 44.Be3

[44.Rc6 Rxf3 45.Bxf3 *(45.Rxf3? too greedy. Qxg4 Pin 46.Kd1 Nxf3-+)* 45...Rxf3±]

44...Bf6 45.Nf5 Nxf5



46.Bxf5

[46.gxf5 Ba6 47.Qa7 Bc8+-]

46...Qd8 47.Be4

[47.Qxb5 Bxf5 48.gxf5 Qc8+-]

47...Ba6 48.Qxd8 White is winning.

48...Rxd8 49.Rh2 Bb7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.16 (very precise)

50.Rh5

[Much less strong is 50.Rh6 Rdf8 51.Rc3 *(51.Rg6+ Rg7+-)* 51...Ra8 52.Rg6+ Kf8]

(Diagram)

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43 **A10**

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■ **Moroni,Luca** **2549**

Titled Tue 17th Jun Early blitz (8)

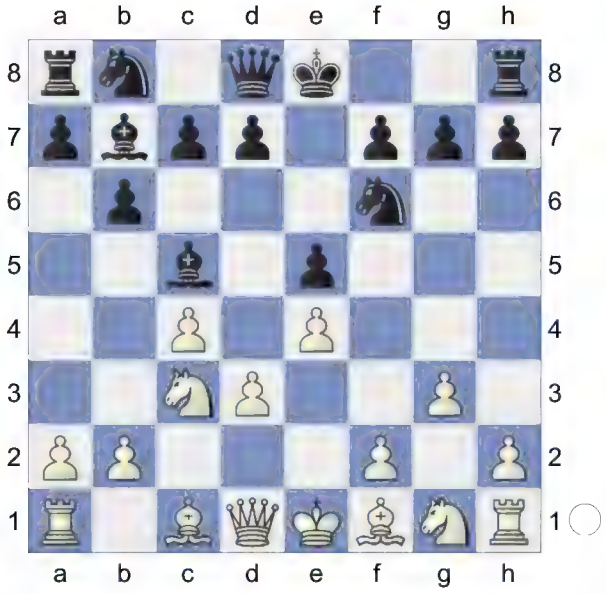
[Kitty Kat]

A16: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...d5

Inf 71/(7) **1.c4 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nc3 Nf6**

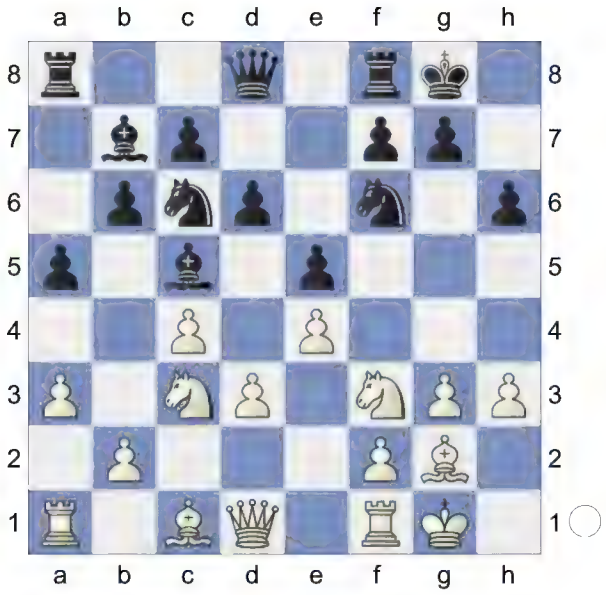
[3...e5 4.d3 *(4.Nge2 Nf6 5.d3 Bc5 6.h3 c6 7.Ng3 d5 8.Nf5 g6 9.Ng3 dxc4 10.dxc4 Qxd1+ 11.Nxd1 h5 12.Bd3 Na6 13.a3 Bd4 14.Bg5 Nh7 15.Be3 Nc5 16.Bxd4 Nxd3+ 17.Kd2 0-0-0 18.Kxd3 Rxd4+* 0-1 (39) Mikliaev,I (2325)-21.Qc4 (2509) 74/(590) Romania 1998 (7)*)* 4...Nc6 5.g3 Bc5 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 a5 9.Be3 d6 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Nc6 13.Bxc5 bxc5 14.e5 dxe5 15.Na4 Qd6 16.Qd5 Nd8 17.Qxc5 Bxg2 18.Qxd6 (20) Kortschnoj,V (2610)-Short,N (2660) (m/2) 71/(7) 1997]

4.d3 e5 5.g3N
[5.Nf3 d6 6.Be2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Ne1 Nbd7 9.Nc2 0-0 10.f4 c6 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.b4 Qc7 13.Be3 Rad8 14.Qd2 Ne8 15.b5 Ndf6 16.bxc6 Bxc6 17.Qc1 Rc8 18.Bg5 Bd7 19.Ne3 Be6 1-0 (34) Zoltek,T (2285)-Sargalski,A (2028) POL-ch blind 35th 2006 (6)]
5...Bc5

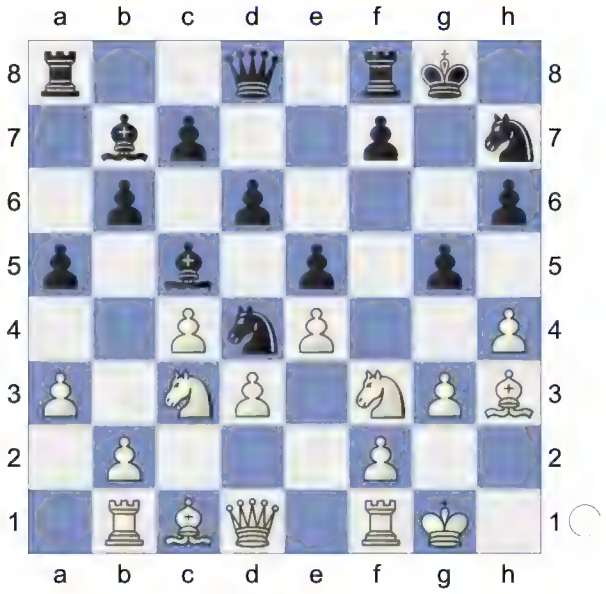


6.Bg2 Nc6 7.a3 a5 8.Nf3 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.0-0 d6 10.h3** 0.21/19
[10.Rb1± 0.64/18]
10...h6

(Diagram)

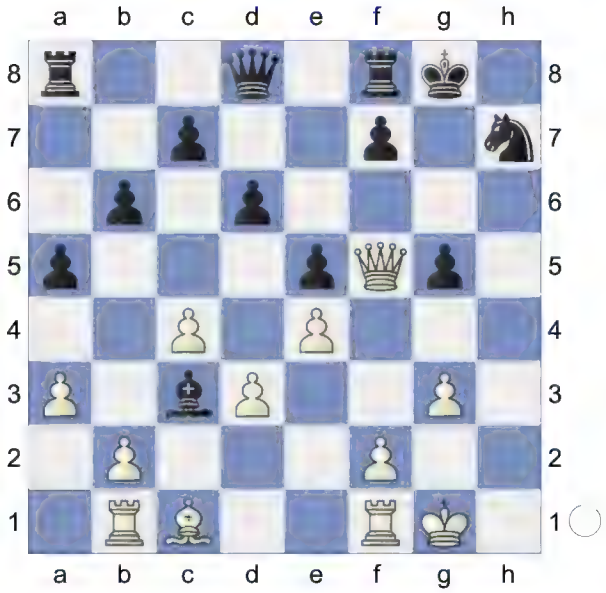


11.Nh4 Ne7 0.72/21
[11...Ba6± 0.32/18 should be considered.]
12.Rb1± g5 1.45/20
[12...Re8± 0.63/18]
13.Nf3 Nc6 1.87/17
[13...Ng6± 1.23/16]
14.h4!+- Nh7 15.Bh3 1.32/16
[15.hxg5+- 1.89/20 hxg5 16.Bh3]
15...Nd4 1.85/20
[15...f6± 1.32/16]

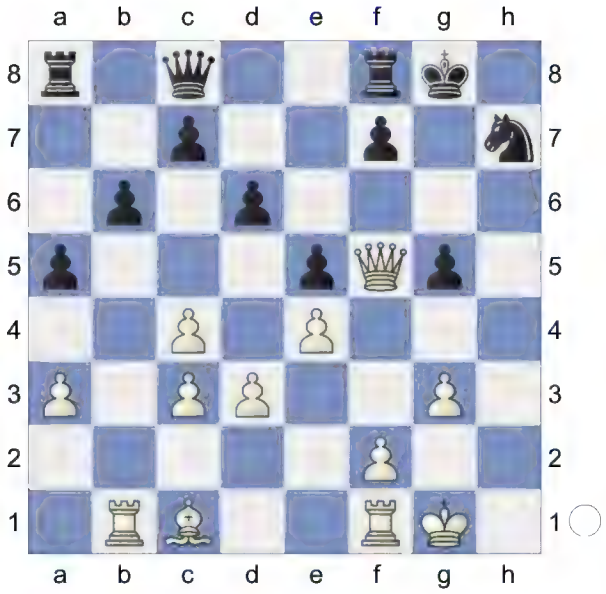


16.hxg5 hxg5 1.97/20

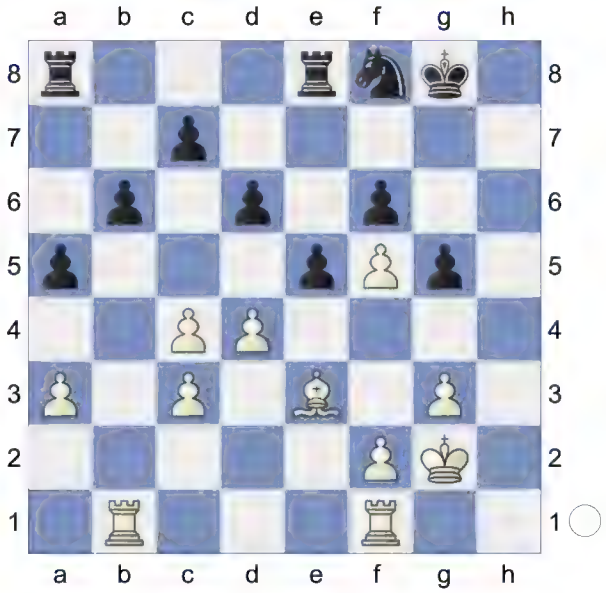
[16...Nxf3+± 1.60/20 17.Qxf3 Nxg5]
17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Bf5 Intending Qh5 and mate. **18...Bc8 19.Qg4** 1.02/22
[19.Qf3+- 1.65/21]
19...Bxf5± 20.Qxf5 0.48/23
[20.exf5± 1.03/22 f6 21.Nb5]
20...Bxc3!±



21.bxc3
[21.Kg2 is interesting. Kg7 22.Rh1 Rh8 23.bxc3 Qf6 24.Be3]
21...Qc8 1.15/22
[⌓21...Kg7 0.72/20]



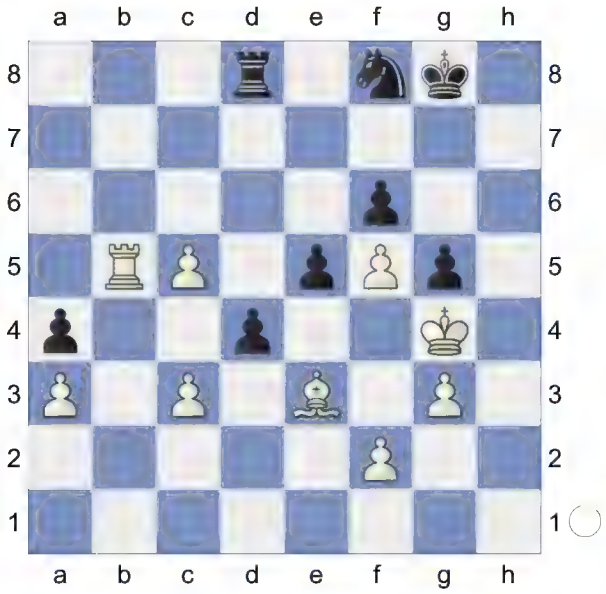
22.Kg2!± White has more active pieces.
[22.Bxg5 Qxf5 23.exf5 Nxg5-+]
22...Qxf5 23.exf5 f6 1.30/21
[Black should try 23...Kg7 0.93/21]
24.d4 0.78/20
[Better is 24.Kf3 1.30/21]
24...Rfe8 25.Be3 Nf8!



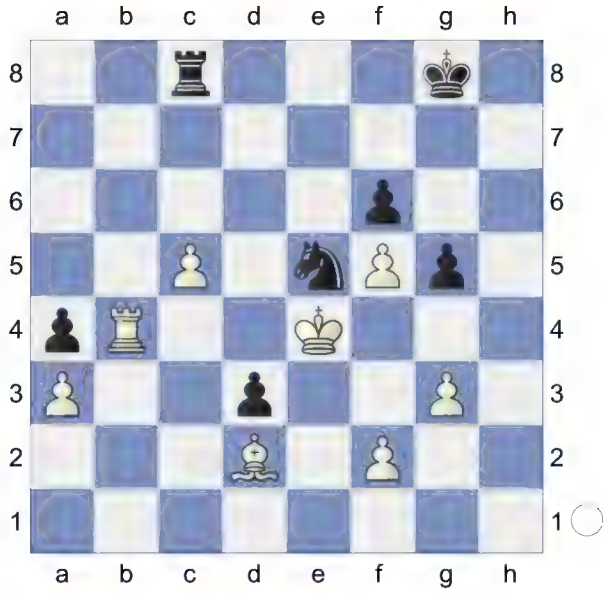
26.c5 bxc5 1.73/23
[26...exd4± 0.87/18 27.cxd4 *(27.Bxd4 bxc5 28.Be3 Re5∓)* 27...bxc5]
27.dxc5+- d5 28.Rb7 Rec8 3.22/23
[28...Rac8 1.66/20 29.c6 Red8]
29.Rd1 c6 30.Rdb1 a4? 4.21/22
[30...Rd8± 1.46/19]

(Diagram)

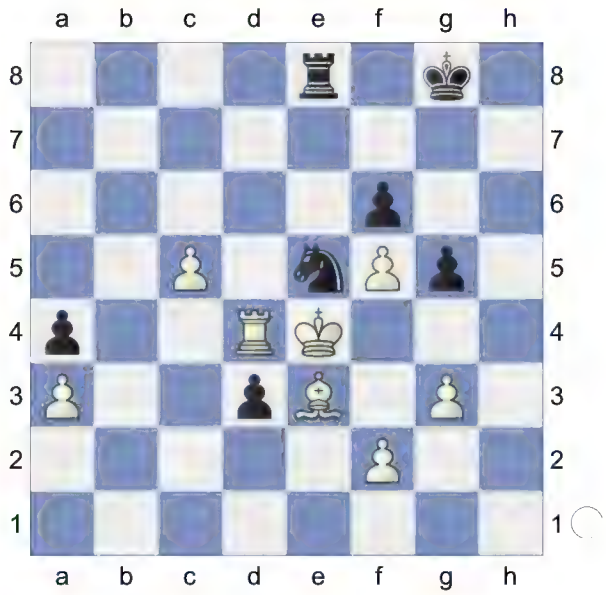
31.R1b6 Ra5 32.Kf3 Rb5 33.Rxb5 cxb5 Endgame KRB-KRN **34.Kg4**
[34.Rxb5 Kf7 35.Ra5 Nd7+-]
34...Rd8 35.Rxb5 d4



36.cxd4 exd4 37.Bd2 Nd7 38.Kf3 1.41/20
[38.f4+- 2.90/22 and White stays clearly on top. c6 is the strong threat. gxf4 39.gxf4 *(39.Bxf4 d3±)*]
38...Ne5+± 39.Ke4 d3 2.59/23
[39...Nc4± 1.20/21 40.Kd3 *(40.Ba5? Nxa5 41.Kd3 Nb3-+)* 40...Ne5+ 41.Kc2 *(41.Ke4 Nc4±)* 41...d3+ 42.Kc3 Rd5]
40.Rb4+- Rc8



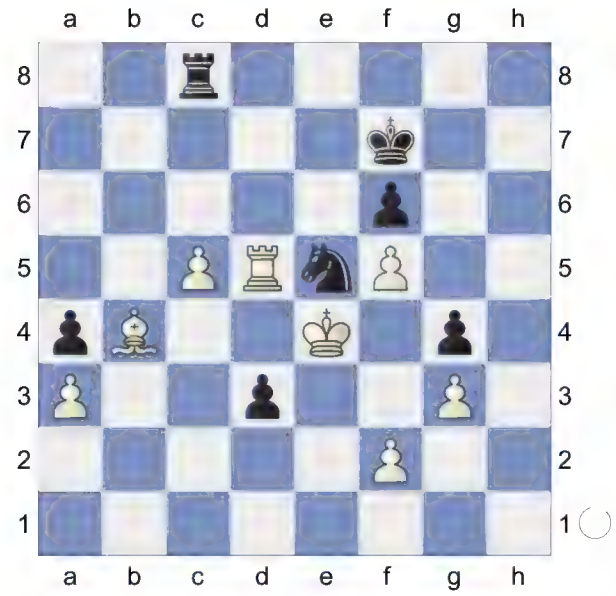
41.Be3
[41.Rxa4 Rxc5 42.Rd4 Rc2=]
41...Rd8? 4.39/21
[41...Re8 2.28/17 keeps fighting. 42.Rb1 *(42.Rxa4 Nc4+ 43.Kxd3 Nb2+ 44.Kc2 Nxa4∓)* 42...Kf7]
42.Rd4 White is clearly winning.
[And not 42.Rxa4 d2 43.Bxd2 Rxd2=]
42...Re8



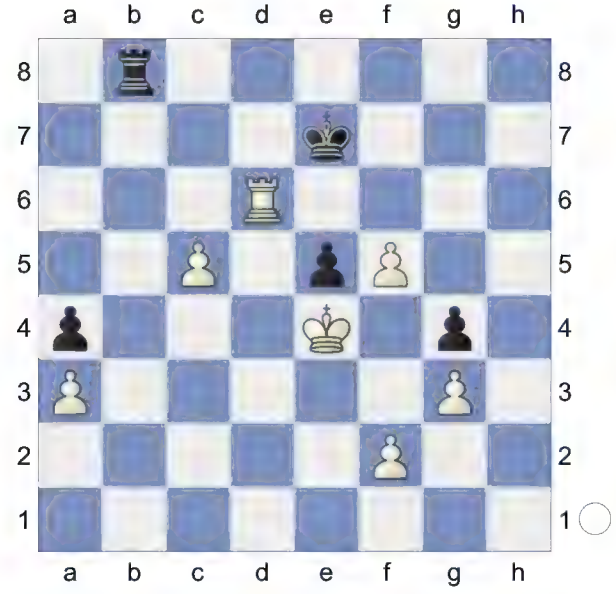
43.Rd5!

[43.Rxa4 Nc4+ 44.Kd4 *(44.Kxd3 Nb2+ 45.Kc2 Nxa4∓; 44.Kf3 g4+ 45.Kf4 Nxe3-+)* 44...Nxe3 *(44...d2 45.Bxd2 Nxd2 46.Ra6=)* 45.Kxd3 *(45.fxe3? perishes. d2-+)* 45...Nxf5-+]

43...Kf7 44.Bd2 Rc8 45.Bb4 g4



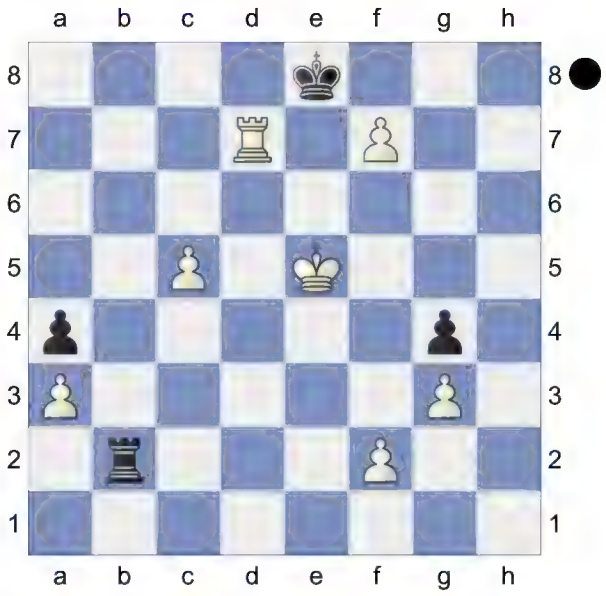
46.Bc3 Re8 47.Bxe5 fxe5 48.Kxd3 KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **48...Kf6 49.Ke4 Rb8 50.Rd6+ Ke7**



51.f6+ Kf7 52.Kxe5 Rb2 53.Rd7+ Ke8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.74

54.f7+



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44	**A26**
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■ **Short,Nigel D**	**2635**
Linares 08th (2)	1990

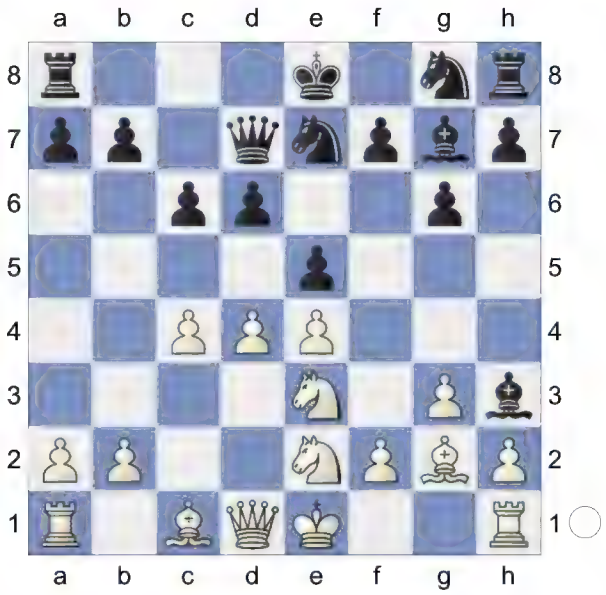
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 Nc6 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6

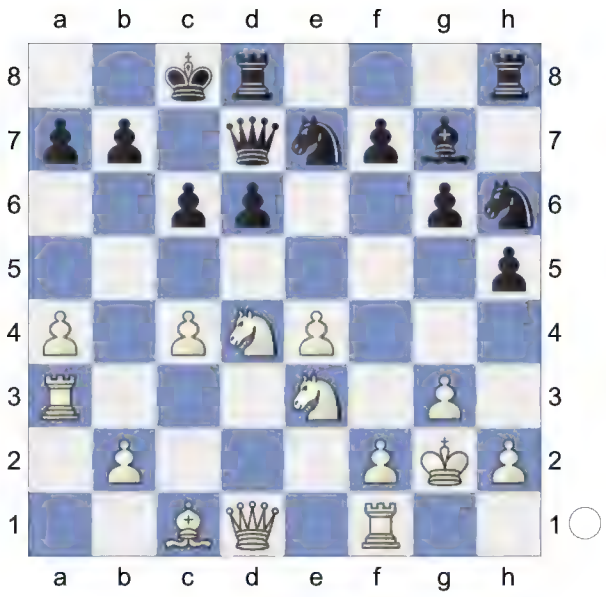
(Diagram)

6.e4 Be6 7.Nge2 Qd7 8.Nd5 Nce7 9.d4 c6 10.Ne3 Bh3

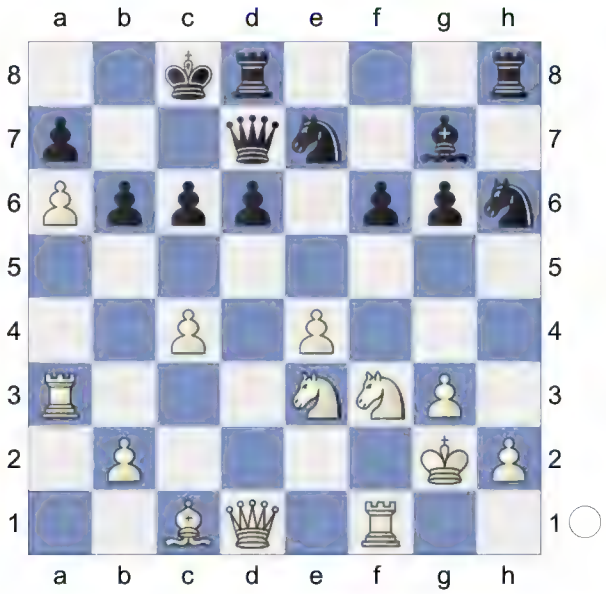


11.0-0 Bxg2 White is slightly better.
12.Kxg2 exd4 13.Nxd4 h5 14.a4 -0.28/19
[14.Nf3± 0.48/19]
14...Nh6 0.48/23
[14...h4!= -0.28/19]
15.Ra3± 0-0-0

(Diagram)

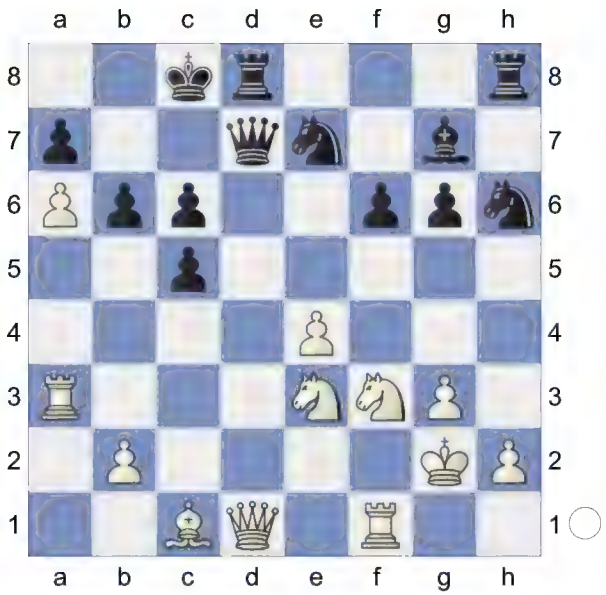


16.a5
[16.Nf3 simplifies f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Kh1]
16...h4 17.a6 b6 18.Nf3
[18.gxh4 f5=]
18...hxg3 19.fxg3 f6 0.90/18
[19...f5= 0.21/20 keeps the balance.]



20.c5 0.10/15 **dxc5=**

(Diagram)



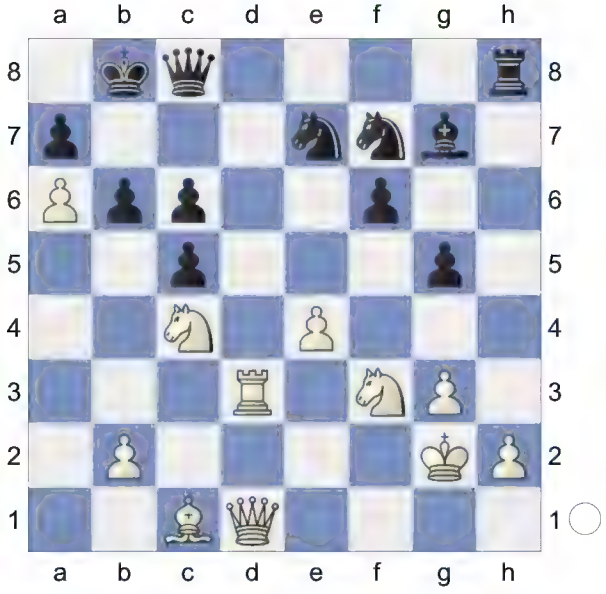
21.Qb3 Prevents Qe6 **21...Kb8 22.Rd1 Qc8 23.Nc4 Rxd1 24.Qxd1 Nf7** 1.68/22 Wards off Qd6+

[Black should play 24...Rd8!± 0.46/20 25.Rd3 *(25.Bf4+ Ka8=)* 25...Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Ka8]

25.Rd3 0.24/20

[White has to play 25.Bf4++- 1.68/22 Ka8 26.h4]

25...g5



26.Qb3

[26.Rd7!? Rd8□ *(26...Qxa6? 27.Rxe7 Rd8 28.Qf1+-)* 27.Rxd8 Qxd8 28.Qxd8+ Nxd8 29.h4±]

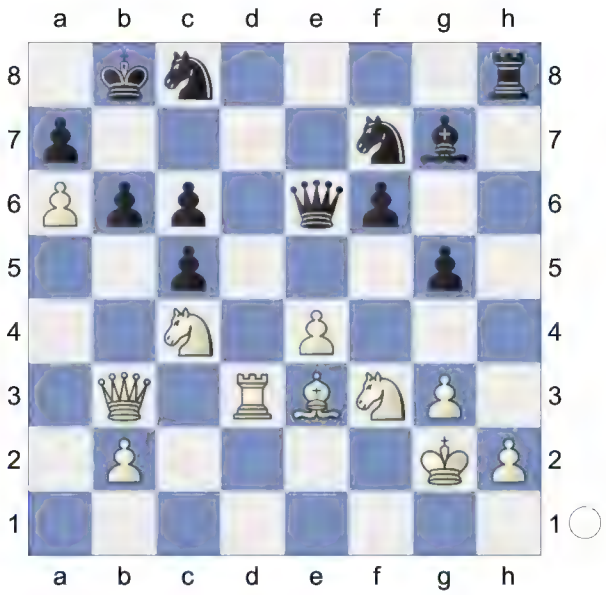
26...Qe6

[26...Qxa6 27.Rd7 Bf8 28.h4±]

27.Be3! Really sharp! **27...Nc8**

[27...Qxe4? 28.Nxb6+-]

[27...Kc7? 28.Bxc5 b5 *(28...Qh3+? 29.Kg1+-)* 29.Na5 Qxb3 30.Rxb3+- *(30.Nxb3 Nc8+-)*]

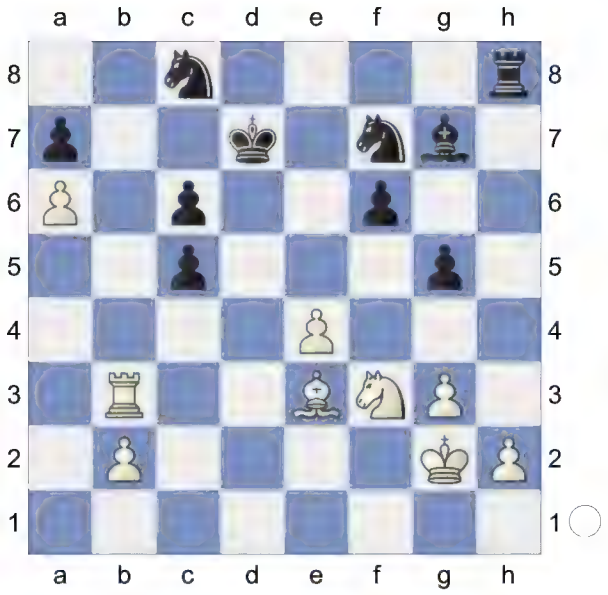


28.Nxb6! Discovered Attack. Active counter play! **28...Qxb3**

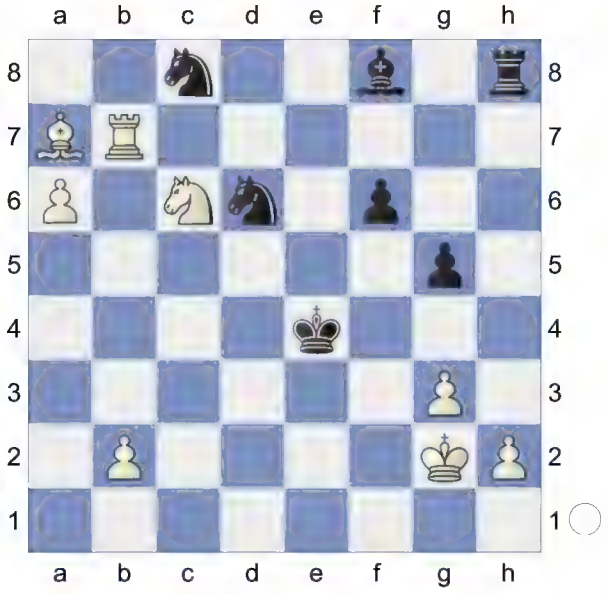
[28...Qxe4? 29.Nxc8+ *(29.Qxf7 Qe7+-; 29.Nd7+ Kc7+-)* 29...Qb4 30.Qxf7+-]

29.Nd7+! Kc7 30.Rxb3 Kxd7

(Diagram)

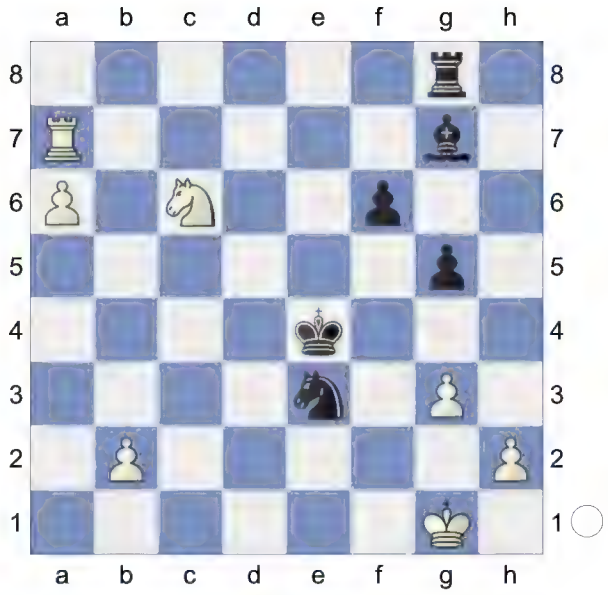


31.Rb7+ Ke6 aiming for ...Bf8. **32.Bxc5 Bf8! 33.Nd4+ Ke5 34.Nxc6+ Kxe4 35.Bxa7 Nfd6**



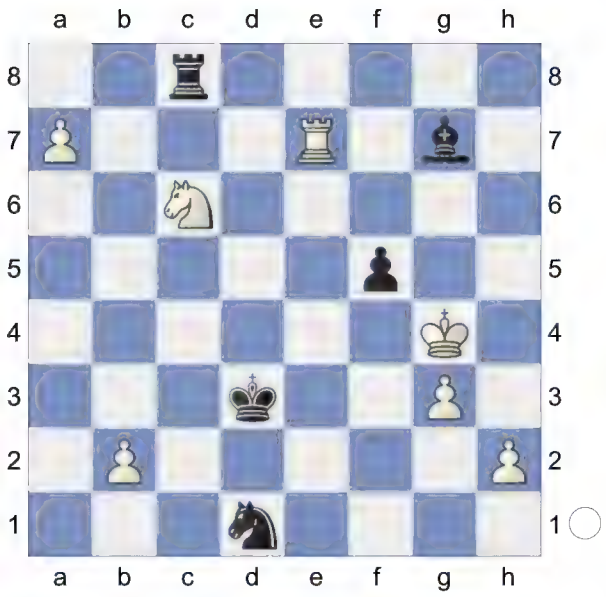
36.Rc7 Nxa7 37.Rxa7 Nc4 38.Ra8 Bg7!
[38...Nxb2? 39.Re8++-]
39.Ra7
[39.Rxh8 Bxh8 40.a7 Nb6]
39...Ne3+ 40.Kg1! Rg8 3.93/20
[40...Rc8= 0.01/20 and Black is okay. 41.Re7+ Kd5]

(Diagram)

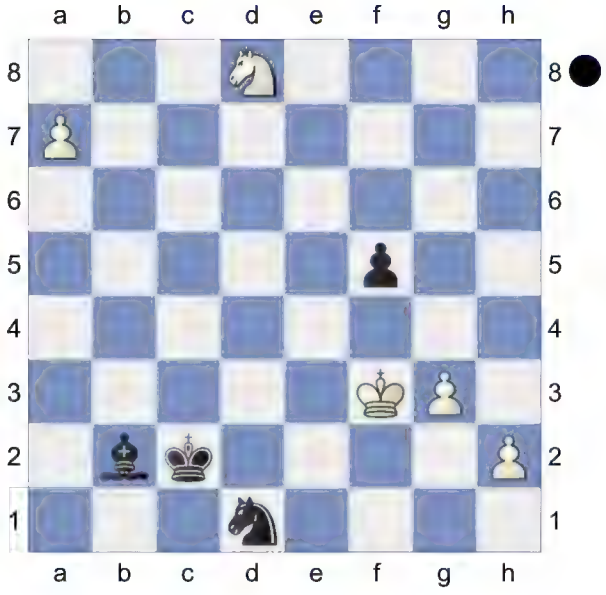


41.Re7+? 0.11/18
[White should play 41.Rd7+- 3.93/20 Hoping for a7. Nd5 42.Rxd5 Remove Defender, Decoy Kxd5 43.Ne7+ Kc5 44.Nxg8]
41...Kd3? 4.53/19
[41...Kd5= 0.11/18]
42.a7+- Rc8 43.Kf2
[And not 43.Rxg7 Rxc6 44.h4 Rc1+ 45.Kh2 Ra1 46.hxg5 fxg5∓]
43...Nd1+ 5.89/17
[43...Ng4+ 3.21/15 might work better. 44.Kf3 Nxh2+ 45.Kg2 Ng4 46.Rxg7 Ke2]
44.Kf3 White is clearly winning. **44...g4+ 45.Kxg4 f5+**

(Diagram)



46.Kf3 Bxb2 47.Rd7+ Kc2 48.Rd8
Inhibits Bf6. **48...Rxd8N**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.53
49.Nxd8



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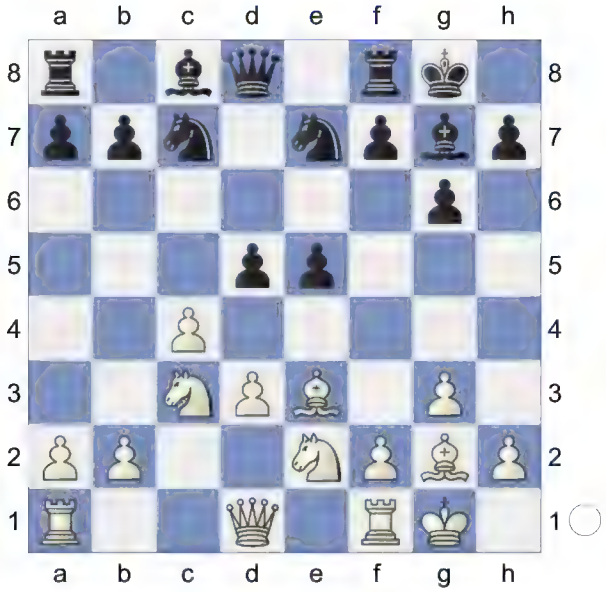
45 **A21**
□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2782**
■ **Karpov,Anatoly** **2682**
Sao Paulo rapid (8) 23.08.2004
[Kitty Kat]

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3
1.c4 e5 2.d3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 Ne7 5.Bg2 0-0

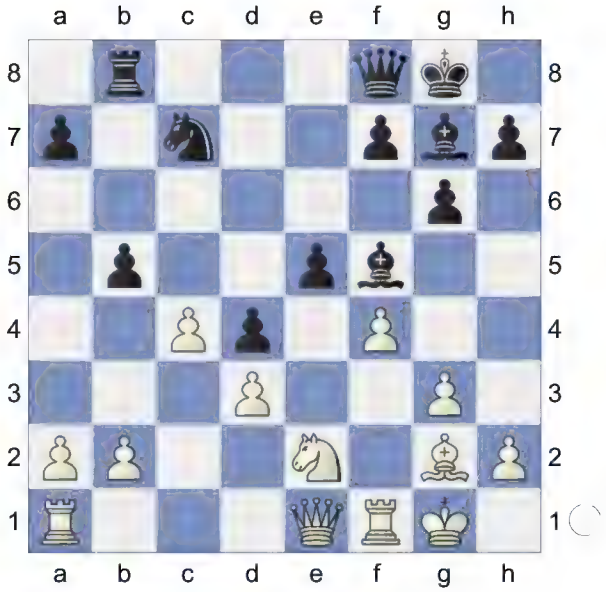
6.e4
[6.Nf3 h6 7.0-0 c6 8.d4 d6 9.h3 Na6 10.e4 Be6 11.b3 Qa5 12.Bb2 Rad8 13.d5 cxd5 14.cxd5 Bd7 15.a3 Rc8 16.b4 Qd8 17.Qe2 Nc7 18.Nd2 f5 19.a4 f4 20.g4 Ne8 0-1 (47) 8. ♗h4 g6 9.f4 e5 (2624)-Kulygina,U (2674) (izt) 49/325 1990 (6)]
6...c6N
[6...d6 7.Nge2 f5 8.0-0 Nd7 9.Be3 Nf6 10.h3 Nh5 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.Nd5 Be6 13.Bg5 Qd7 14.exf5 gxf5 15.f4 Rae8 16.Kh2 Kh8 17.Rae1 Nd8 18.Bf3 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Nf6 20.Nc3 Nf7 21.Bh4 1-0 (64) Botvinnik,M-Robatsch XV Olympiad (fin) 1962 (6)]
7.Nge2 Na6 8.0-0 Nc7 9.Be3 d5

10.exd5 0.04/17
[10.cxd5± 0.41/21 cxd5 11.d4]
10...cxd5=



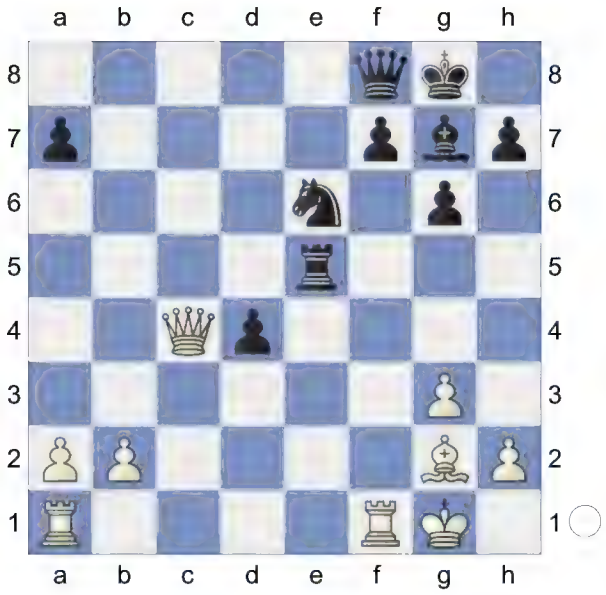
Threatens to win with ...d4. The position is equal. **11.Bc5 d4 12.Ne4 b6** 0.25/18
[⌓12...Ne6 -0.16/21]
13.Ba3! Rb8 **14.Nd6** Inhibits Bb7.
14...Bd7 15.Nb7 Qe8

16.Nd6 Qd8 17.f4↑ White has the initiative. **17...b5 18.Qe1** 0.00/20 Against b4
[18.Nb7± 0.58/19 Rxb7 19.Bxb7]
18...Nf5 19.Nxf5 Bxf5 20.Bxf8 Qxf8
[20...Bxf8 21.c5 Bxd3 22.fxe5 Bxc5 23.Kh1 Nd5]

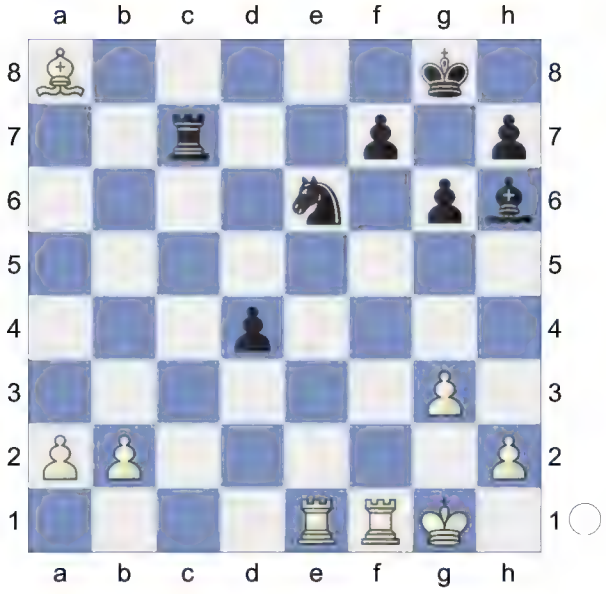


21.fxe5 Bxd3
[21...bxc4 feels hotter. 22.Nxd4 Bxd3 23.Qa5 Bxf1 24.Rxf1 Nb5]
22.cxb5 White leaves nothing to chance now. **22...Rxb5** 1.35/20
[22...Bxb5= 0.13/18 remains equal. 23.Rf2 d3]
23.Qd2 0.79/21
[Better is 23.Rd1 1.35/20 Bc2 24.Rxd4 Bxe5 25.b4 *(25.Rd7 Bf5±)*]
23...Bxe2 1.24/18
[⌓23...Bc4 0.79/21]
24.Qxe2± Rxe5 25.Qc4 White is more active. **25...Ne6** 1.83/18
[25...Rc5± 1.06/17 was called for. 26.Qa4 Ne6]

(Diagram)

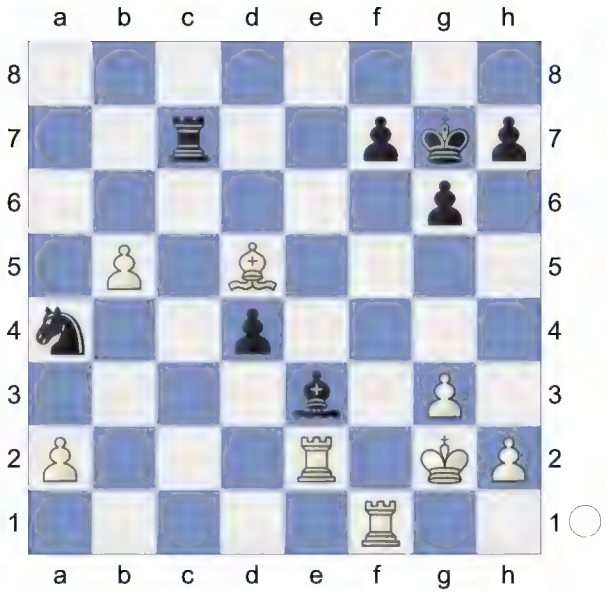


26.Rae1+- Rc5 27.Qa6 Qd8 28.Qxa7 Rc7 29.Qa8 Strongly threatening Qxd8+. **29...Qxa8 30.Bxa8 Bh6**

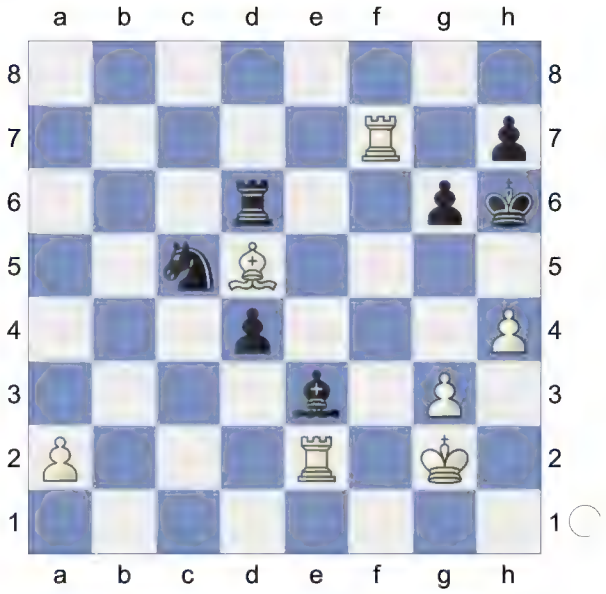


31.Bd5 Bd2 3.23/18
[⌓31...d3 2.21/19 32.Re4 d2]
32.Re2 Be3+ 33.Kg2 Nc5 34.b4 Na4 35.b5 Kg7

(Diagram)

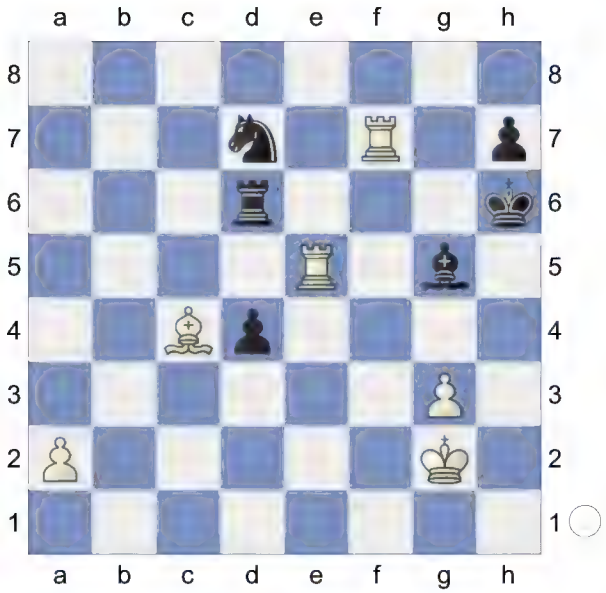


36.Bb3 Nc5 37.b6 Rb7 38.Bd5 Rxb6 39.Rxf7+
[Weaker is 39.Bxf7 Rb7+-]
39...Kh6 40.h4 Rd6



41.Bc4 g5 42.hxg5+ Bxg5 4.68/17
[⌓42...Kxg5 3.31/16 43.Rxh7 Nd7]
43.Re5 White is clearly winning.
43...Nd7 6.55/20
[⌓43...d3 4.59/17 44.Rxc5 d2]

(Diagram)

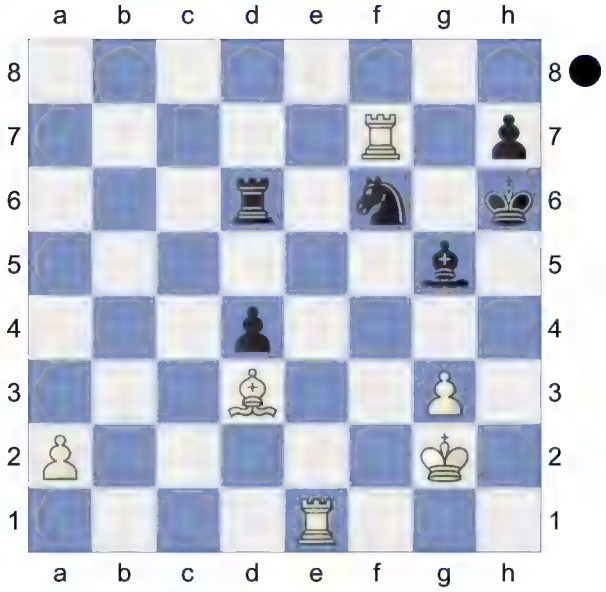


44.Bd3! Nf6

[44...Nf8 45.Rxf8]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.39

45.Re1



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46 **A21**

□ **Adams,Michael** **2742**

■ **Vaisser,A** **2515**

PokerStars IoM Masters (3.8) 05.10.2015

[Kitty Kat]

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3

1.c4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6

6.e4 e5 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 c5

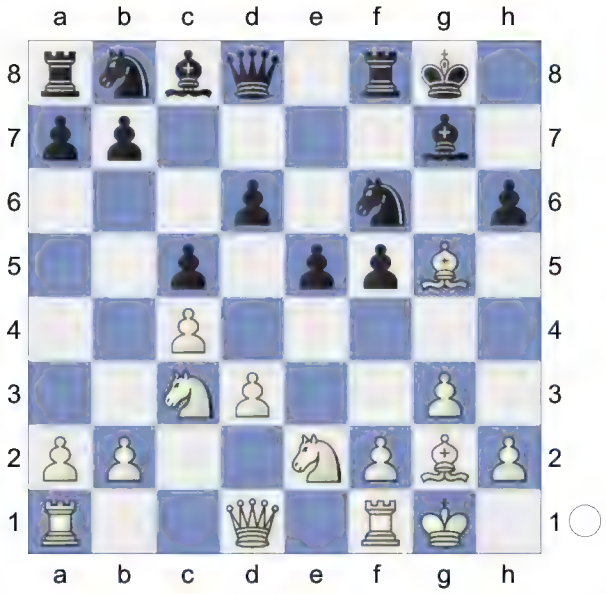
[8...c6 9.Rb1 Be6 10.exf5 gxf5 11.b4 Nh5 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 d5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Qb3 Nf6 16.Be3 Re8 17.Bd4 Nc6 18.Kh1 Ng4 19.Bxg7 d4 20.Qb2 Kxg7 21.Nb5 Qh4 22.h3 Bd5 23.Ng1 ½-½ (44) Franco Ocampos,Z (2530)-Gurevich, M (2643) (ol) 97/3 Torino 2006]

9.exf5 gxf5 10.Bg5N

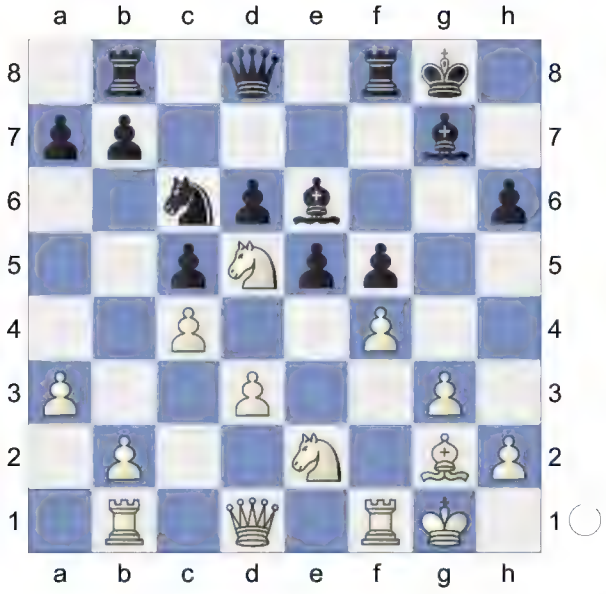
[10.f4 Nc6 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Ne7 14.Qb3 Qxd3 15.Rad1 Qe3+ 16.Kh1 h5 17.Nf4 exf4 18.Rfe1 Nc6 19.Rxe3 fxe3 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Nd5 e2 22.Re1 Nd4 23.Qe3 Kg7 24.Nxf6 Kxf6 1-0 (30) Smyslov,V-Schweber,S 1/27 Mar del Plata 1966 25.Qh6+ Ke7

26.Qg7+ Rf7 27.Qe5+ Kd8 28.Qxc5 Rd7 29.Bd5 Ne6 30.Qe3 1-0 3..Nf6-Ruhle,E German League (Game 39) 2002]

10...h6



White is slightly better. **11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Rb1 Nc6 14.f4 Be6 15.a3 Rb8**



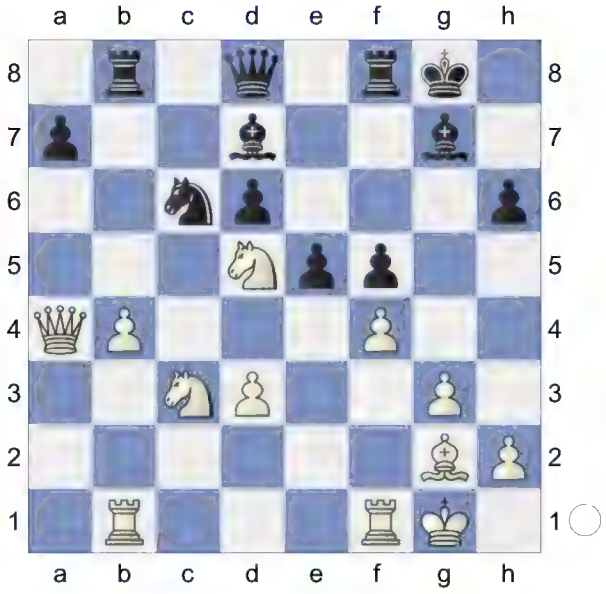
16.b4 cxb4 17.axb4 b5 18.cxb5 0.12/21

[18.Qd2± 0.52/21]

18...Rxb5= 19.Nec3 Rb8 0.67/20

[Black should try 19...Rb7!= 0.14/22]

20.Qa4↑ White has good play. **20...Bd7**



21.b5 White is much more active. **21...Nd4 22.Qxa7** And now b6 would win. A mistake that costs the game. **22...exf4?** 2.54/20

[22...Bxb5± 0.83/24 23.Ne7+ Kh7 24.Nxf5 Nxf5 *(24...Rxf5 25.Be4±* Pin *)* 25.Rxb5 *(25.Nxb5 exf4 26.Rxf4 Qe8±)* 25...Rxb5 26.Nxb5 exf4]

23.Nxf4+- A dynamic duo of knights.

[23.Rxf4?! Kh7±]

23...Bxb5 3.96/25

[⌓23...Rc8 2.53/20]

24.Nxb5 Nxb5 25.Qa2+ Black is weak on the light squares **25...Kh7** 3.64/20

[25...d5 2.45/21 is a better defense. 26.Ne6 *(26.Qxd5+ Qxd5 27.Bxd5+ Kh7+-; 26.Bxd5+ Kh7+-)* 26...Qb6+ 27.Rf2 Rfe8 *(27...Qxe6?* loses. *28.Bxd5+-* Pin *)* 28.Nxg7 *(28.Bxd5 Kh8+-)* 28...Kxg7 29.Qxd5 Kh8]

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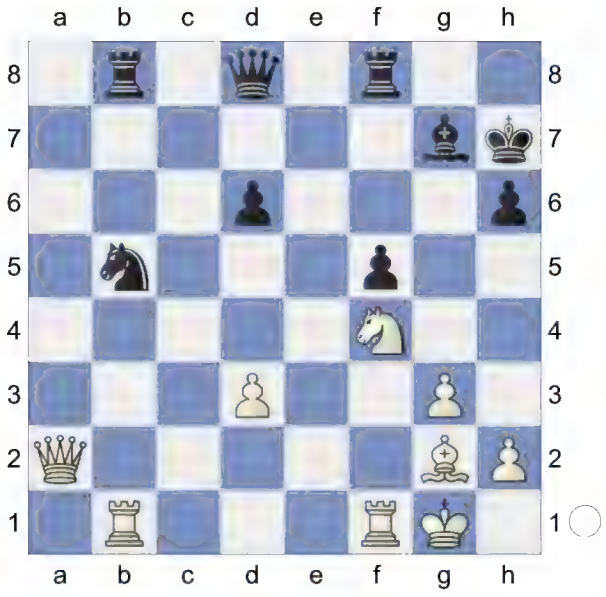
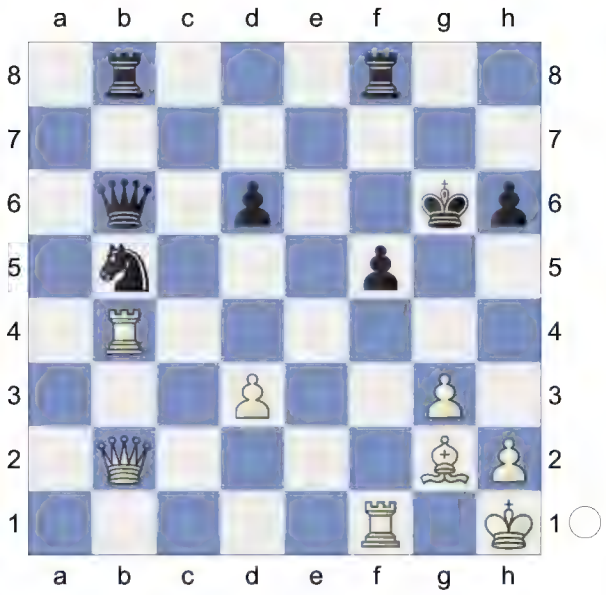


26.Ne6! Qb6+ 27.Kh1 Rf6 28.Nxg7 Kxg7 29.Rb4 Rff8 30.Qb2+ Kg6



31.h4 Rfe8 #8/17
[31...Kh7+- 4.27/23 32.Re1 Qc7 33.Rxb5 Rxb5 34.Qxb5 Qg7]
32.Kh2 5.62/20
[⌓32.Rg4+ #8/17 fxg4 33.h5+ Deflection Kxh5 34.Qf6 Qf2 35.Rxf2 *(35.Qxf2 Rf8+-)* 35...Re1+ 36.Kh2 Rh1+ 37.Kxh1 Rg8 38.Qf7+ Rg6 39.Rf5#]
32...Re3

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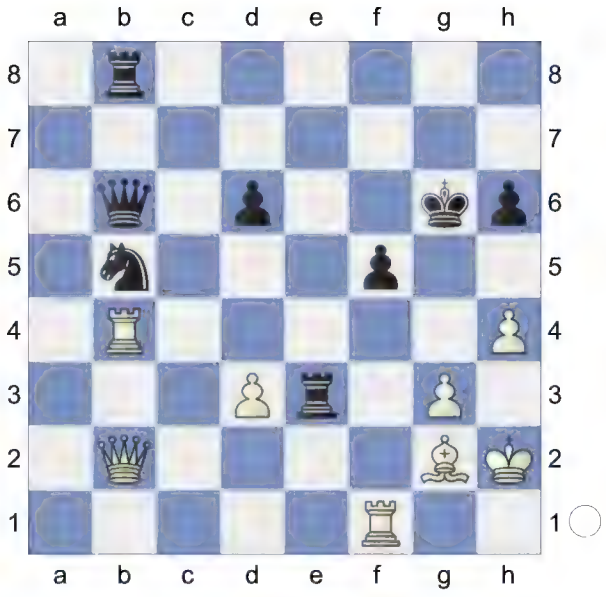
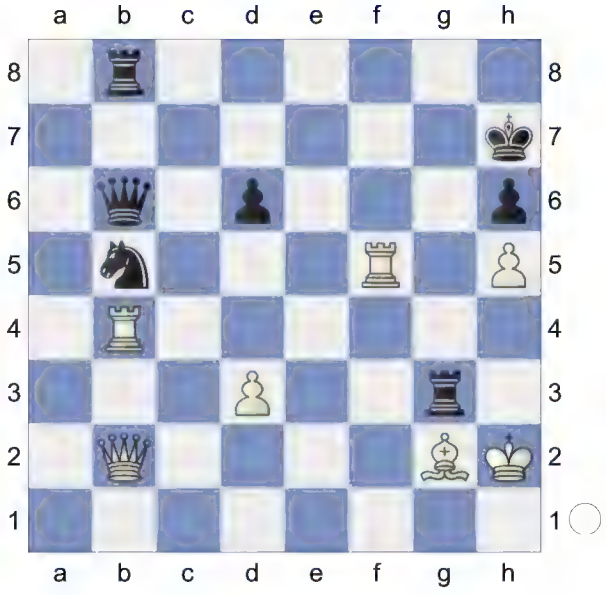


33.h5+! 11.21/21 **Kh7 34.Rxf5**
Intending Rf7+ and mate.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.88
34...Rxg3



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47 **A26**
□ **Tomashevsky,Evgeny** **2705**
■ **Sychev,K** **2537**
World Rapid 2018 (5.44) 26.12.2018
[TA]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

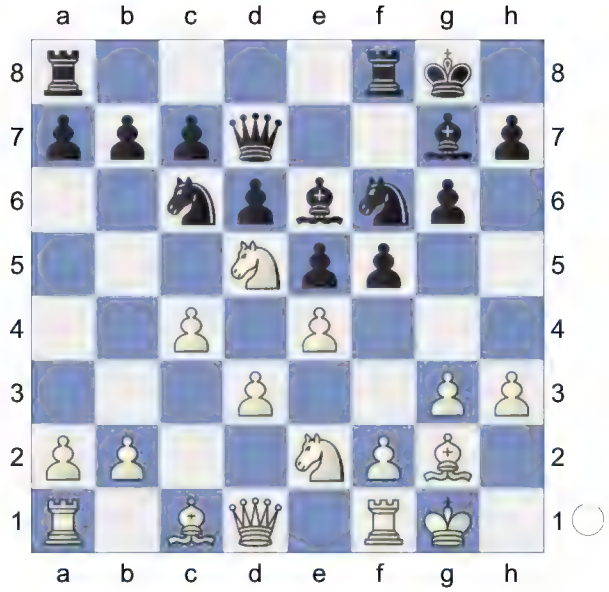
1.c4 g6 2.e4 e5 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.d3 Nc6 5.g3 d6

6.Bg2 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd5 Be6 10.h3 -0.21/21

[10.Rb1 This is the most basic move in all English lines. The rook goes out of the long diagonal and gets ready to prepare the queenside plan with b4-b5. Qd7 11.b4 Nh5 0.67/22 *(11...Nd8* 0.31/17 *)* 12.b5± Threatens to win with exf5. *(12.exf5 Bxf5 13.b5 Nd8* transposes to 12.b5. *)* 12...Nd8! 13.exf5 Bxf5 transposes to 12.b5. 14.Nec3 Bg4 15.f3 (Flores,D (2560)-Van Dooren,D (2331) Vlissingen 2007) Bh3!∞ and this is a typical middlegame structure with some advantage for Black.]

[10.Bg5± 0.43/21 Qd7 11.Rc1 Nh5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.b4 Rae8 14.b5 Nd8 15.d4 e4 16.Bxd8 Rxd8 17.Nec3 Rde8 18.Ne3 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3 20.Ncd5 c6 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Nb4 Bh6 23.c5 d5 24.Nxc6 Nxg3 25.hxg3 1-0 (45) Valsecchi,A (2512)-Piorun,K (2611) PRO League Stage rapid 2020 (2)]

10...Qd7



11.Kh2

[11.exf5 gxf5 *(11...Bxf5!?* 0.19/16 11...gxf5 -0.27*)* 12.f4 Rae8 13.Be3 (Obukhov,A (2409)-Kovalenko,I (2449) Alushta 2009) Bxd5 14.cxd5 Ne7 15.Nc3 Ng6 16.fxe5 dxe5⇄]

11...Rae8N 0.27/21

[11...Rf7 0.36/17 11...f4 -0.22

A) 12.Be3 -0.22/19 12.exf5 0.28

A1) 12...f4! 13.gxf4 Nh5 0.15/18 *(13...Raf8!* -0.24/19 *)* 14.f5!= gxf5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Ng3 Nxg3 17.fxg3 Nd4∞;

A2) Black should try 12...f4!= -0.22/19 13.gxf4 Raf8;

A3) 12...Raf8 0.46/17 13.Qd2 -0.44/16 *(13.exf5±* 0.46/17 *Bxf5 14.d4)* 13...f4!∓ 14.gxf4 Nh5

15.fxe5 *(15.f5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5∓)* 15...dxe5↑ Boger,R (1911)-Mork,K (2277) Oslo 2007;

B) 12.exf5 Bxf5 0.56/20 *(12...gxf5= 0.16/20 13.Be3 Bxd5 14.cxd5 Ne7)* 13.Be3± Ne7 1.12/20 *(13...Re8± 0.52/19)* 14.Nxf6+!± Bxf6 15.d4± Semcesen,D (2420)-Berg,E (2612) Lund 2010]

[11...Kh8 12.Be3 (Ju,W (2558)-Dzagnidze,N (2529) Huaian blitz 2016) *(12.exf5!?)* 12...f4 13.gxf4 Nh5 14.f5! gxf5 15.Ng3 Nxg3! 16.fxg3 Nd4∞]

[11...f4!? Usually I like this move to gain the initiative immediately. 12.gxf4 Nh5

A) 13.fxe5?! -0.98/19 13.f5 -0.27 dxe5 14.f3 -1.51/18 *(⌓14.Qb3 -1.15/18 Rf7 15.Be3)* 14...Nd4∓ 15.Ndc3 Nxe2 16.Nxe2 Rad8∓ Glud,J (2514)-Gurevich,M (2581) Cappelle la Grande 2013;

B) 13.f5 gxf5 14.Ng3 Nxg3 15.fxg3 Nd4 16.exf5 Bxf5∞ Gulko,B (2590)-Jussupow,A (2575) Moscow 1981 17.Bg5 Rae8 18.g4 Bg6 19.Nf6+ Bxf6 20.Bxf6 c6 21.Qd2 Ne6 22.Be4 Nf4 23.Bg5 d5 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.Bxg6 hxg6 26.Rae1 d4 27.Bh6 Rf7 28.Rf3 Kh7 29.Bg5 Nd5 30.Ref1 Ref8 31.Qe2 Qc7 1-0 (38) Sivanandan,B (2590)-Grabinsky,J (2575) Slovenija 80/32 2000 (6)]

[⌓11...Kh8 -0.21/20]

12.Be3 Nh5 ...f4! would now be deadly. The position is equal.

[12...Ne7!?]

[12...Nd8!?]

13.exf5 gxf5 14.f4

[14.Nec3 Nf6∞]

14...Nf6 0.54/18

[14...exf4 15.Ndxf4 Nxf4 16.Nxf4 Bxc4! 17.Bxa7 Bf7∞]

[14...Bxd5= 0.11/21 should be considered. 15.Bxd5+ Kh8]

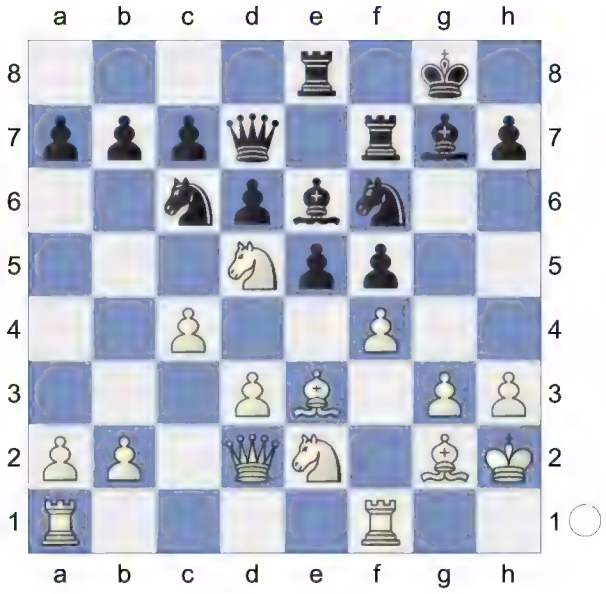
15.Qd2 -0.16/19

[15.Nxf6+± 0.54/18 Bxf6 16.Qd2]

15...Rf7?! 0.80/17

[15...Bxd5 16.cxd5 Ne7 17.Nc3 Ng6∞]

[15...Bxd5= -0.16/19 16.cxd5 Ne7]



16.Rae1 0.00/17 White is more active.

[White should try 16.Nxf6+± 0.80/17 Bxf6 17.Rae1]

16...Kh8 0.90/17

[16...Bxd5= 0.00/17 remains equal. 17.cxd5 Ne7]

17.Nxf6± Bxf6 1.45/17

[⌓17...Rxf6 0.81/20 18.b3 Bf7]

18.b3! Rfe7 19.d4 exd4 20.Nxd4 Nd8 2.37/19

[20...Bf7± 1.50/20 was worth a try. 21.Nxc6 Discovered Attack bxc6]

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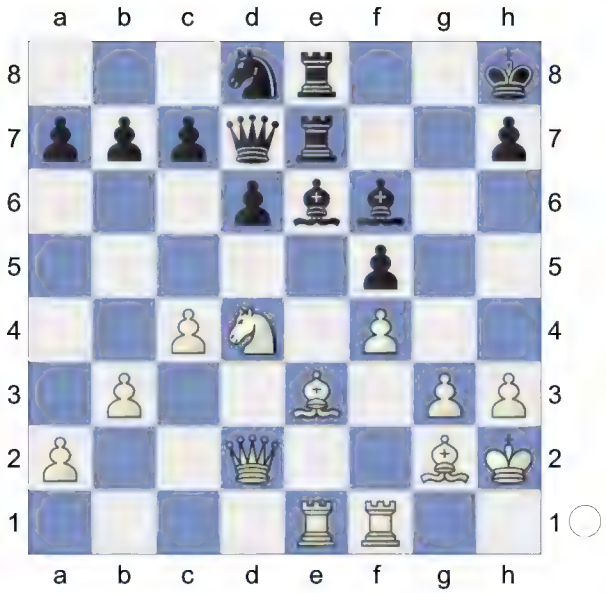
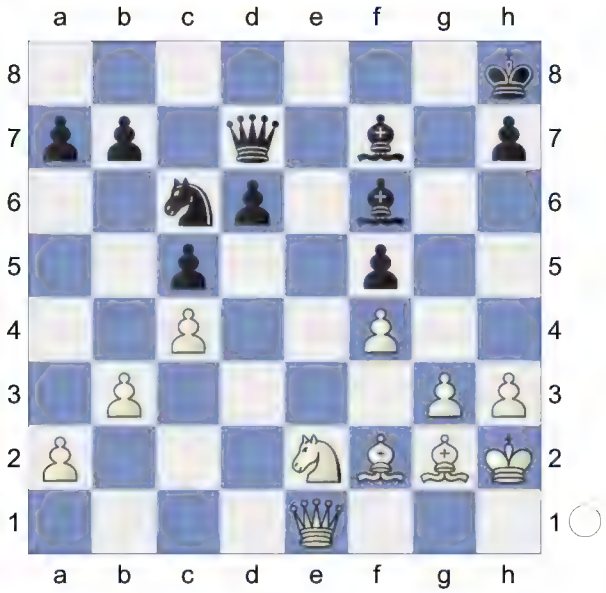
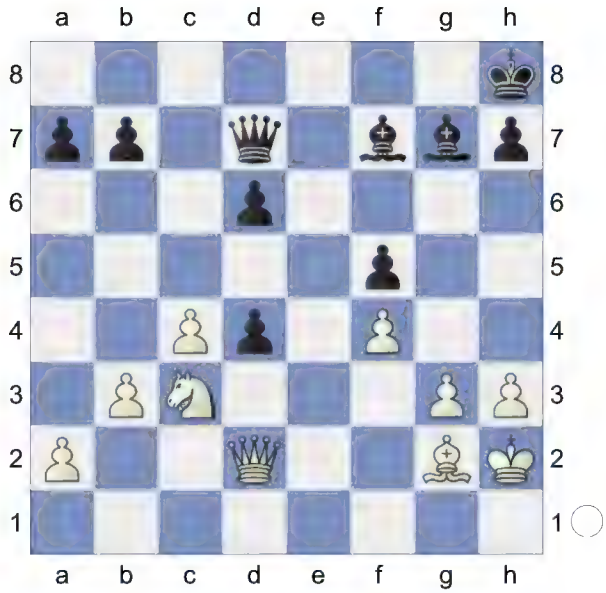


21.Bf2 Bf7 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.Re1 Rxe1 24.Qxe1 0.76/19
[⌓24.Bxe1 1.42/20 a6 25.Qd3]
24...c5 25.Ne2 Nc6

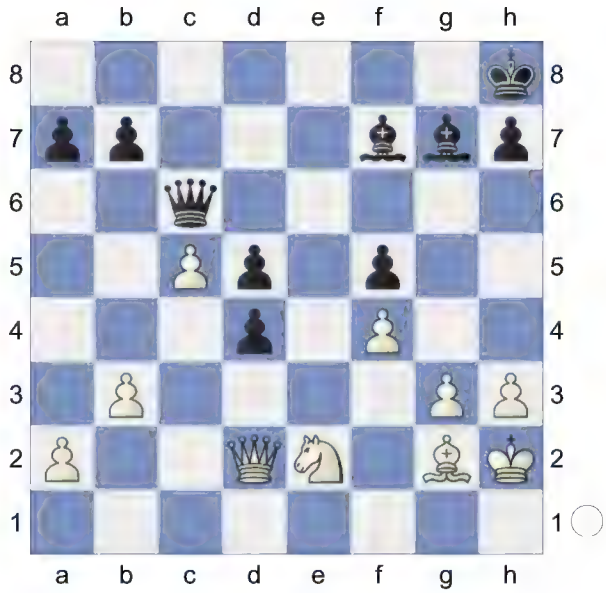


26.Nc3 Bg7 0.91/18
[26...Bd4± 0.44/18]
27.Qd2 Nd4 28.Bxd4 cxd4 1.93/22
[28...Bxd4± 0.79/21 29.h4 *(29.Nb5 d5+-)* 29...a6]

(Diagram)

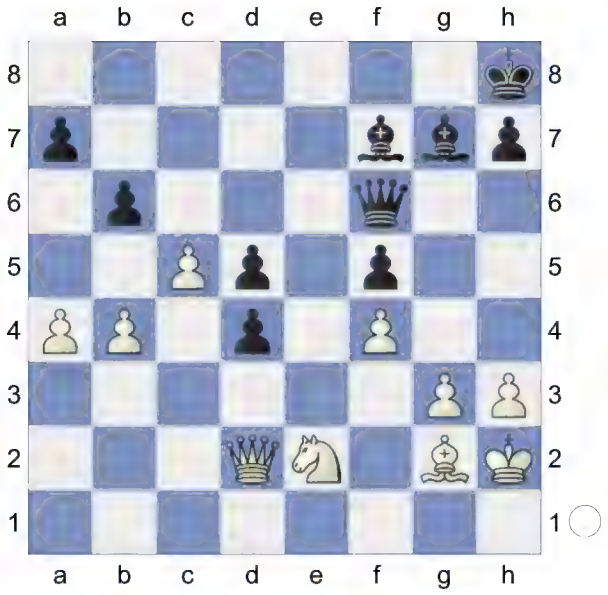


29.Ne2!+- d5 30.c5
[30.Nxd4? dxc4 31.Qb4 Bxd4-+
(31...Qxd4? 32.Qxb7 Bg8 33.bxc4-+)]
30...Qc6

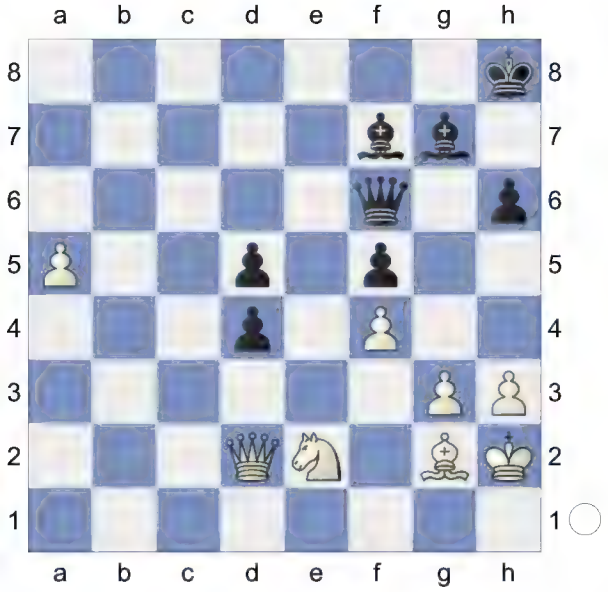


31.b4 Qf6 32.a4 b6 2.25/18
[32...a6± 1.17/19 33.Nc1 h5]

(Diagram)



33.cxb6! axb6 34.a5 bxa5 35.bxa5 h6



36.Qd3 Kg8 37.Qb5 Qe7 38.a6

White is clearly winning.

[38.Bxd5 Qe3=]

38...Kh7 6.52/21

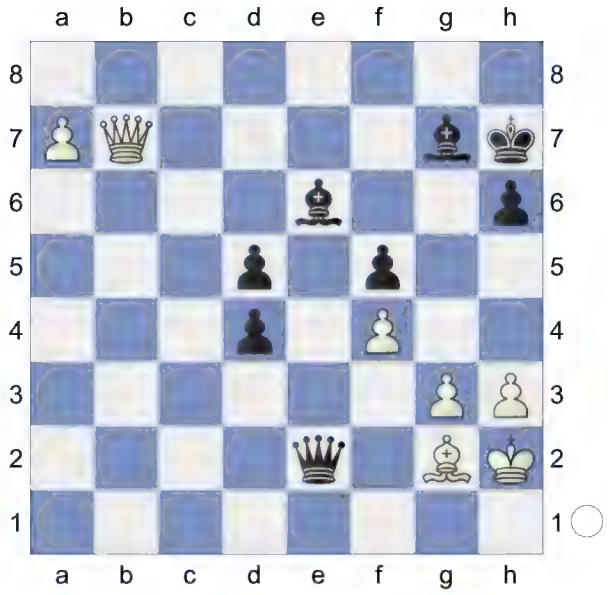
[⌓38...d3 4.54/18]

39.Qb7

[39.Bxd5? perishes. Bxd5 40.Qxd5 Qxe2+-+]

39...Qxe2 40.a7! Be6

(Diagram)



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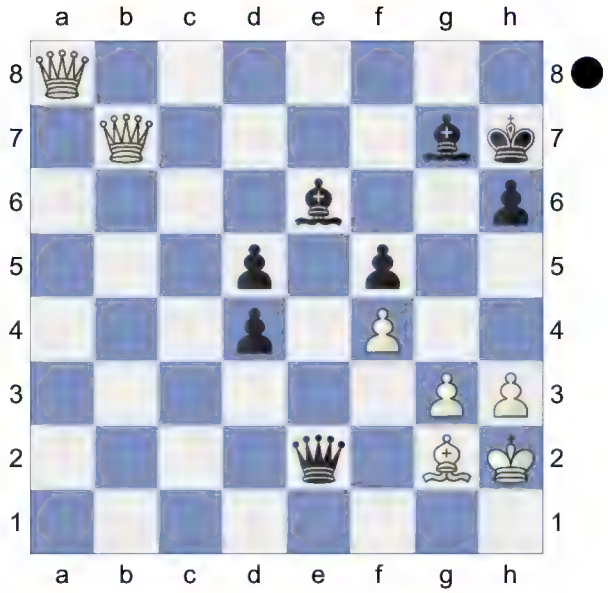
41.a8Q

[Weaker is 41.a8B d3 42.Qa6 Bd4∓]



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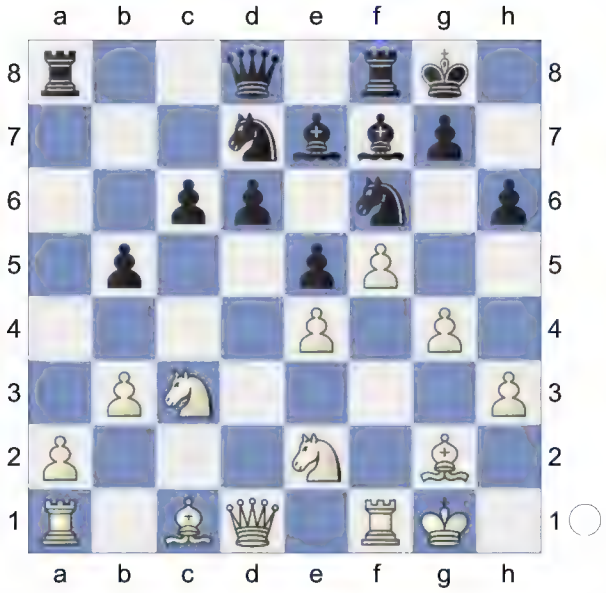
48 **A20**
□ **Adams,Michael** **2697**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2745**
Chess.com RCC Wk25 Swiss rapid (5)
[Kitty Kat]

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3
Welcome to the second segment of the Quickstarter. This covers the English Variation. Against the English, I recommend the universal setup of ...e5, ...d6 & ...f5 (barring a few exceptions). We are strategically ambitious and grab space whenever we can. Black takes over the initiative in a lot of positions. Unlike 1.Nf3 lines, these lines are quite 'theme-based'. Rather than the concrete moves, your focus should be on absorbing the ideas as there are many possible transpositions. **1.c4 e5 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 f5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 Be7**

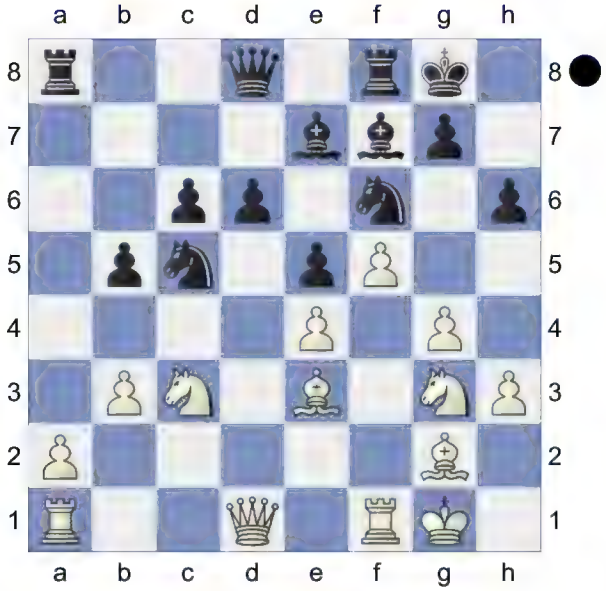
6.e4 fxe4 7.dxe4 0-0 8.Nge2 -0.12/20
[8.b3 0.25/19 is superior.]
8...c6= The position is equal.
[8...Qe8 9.0-0 Qh5 10.f3 Nc6 11.Be3 Bh3 12.Qd2 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 h6 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.c5 Ne7 16.Nec3 Nexd5 17.Nxd5 Nh7 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.Qb4 Bg5 20.Rae1 Rac8 21.Rf2 Bxe3 22.Rxe3 Rc1 23.Qxd6 1-0 (27) Malich,B (2147)-Mihelich,P (1945) Hoogeveen Essent Crown 2002 (3)]
9.b3N
[9.0-0 Be6 10.b3 a6 11.a4 a5 12.h3 Na6 13.Be3 Qd7 *(13...Nb4 14.f4 Bf7 15.Kh2 exf4 16.gxf4 d5 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.e5* Theory 2C: 1... d6-Theory,C*)* 14.Kh2 Qe8 15.Ra2 Qh5 *(15...Nb4 16.Rd2 Qh5 17.f3 Qf7 18.f4 Qh5 19.Bg1 Bg4 20.Qe1 h6 21.Nc1 g5 22.Be3 Bxh3 23.Bxh3 g4 24.fxe5 Qxh3+ 25.Kg1 Nh5 26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Rh2 Qxg3+ 28.Qxg3 Nxg3 29.Rxh6 Rf3 30.Bd4* 0-1 (37) Romanov,E (2626)-Sjugirov,S (2650) (ch) 135/16 Russia 2017 *)* 16.Nc1 Qxd1 17.Rxd1 g5 Quickstarter Guide B − 1.c4- Quickstarter Guide B − 1.c4 Kushager's Killer Repertoire for Black]
9...a6 10.0-0 b5

11.h3 -0.64/21
[White should play 11.Qc2= 0.01/20]

11...Be6∓ 12.cxb5 axb5 13.f4 Nbd7
Black is more active. **14.f5** -1.53/18
[⌓14.Be3 -0.81/16]
14...Bf7∓ 15.g4 h6

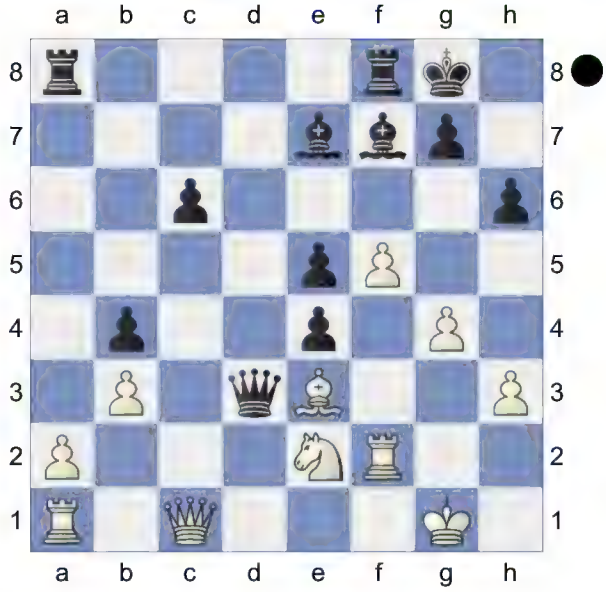


16.Ng3 Nc5 and ...Nxb3! would now be decisive **17.Be3**

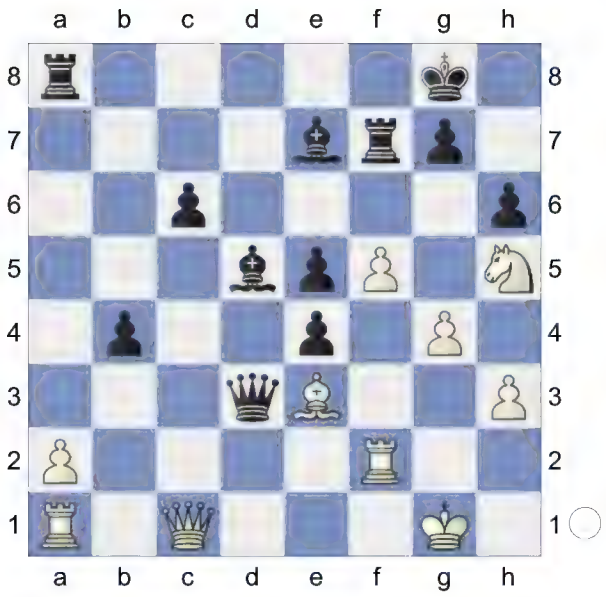


b4! 18.Nce2 d5 19.Qd2 -2.31/18
[⌓19.g5 -1.79/18 hxg5 *(19...Nfxe4 20.f6∓)* 20.Bxg5]
19...Nfxe4
[19...dxe4 20.Kh1]
20.Nxe4 -2.31/19
[⌓20.Qc2 -1.71/19]
20...Nxe4-+
[20...dxe4 21.f6 *(21.Qxb4? too greedy. Nxb3 Pin, Discovered Attack 22.Qxe4 Nxa1-+)* 21...Qxd2 *(21...gxf6 22.Ng3∓)* 22.Bxd2 gxf6 *(22...Bxf6 23.Bxb4 Be7 24.Rfc1=)* 23.Bxb4=]

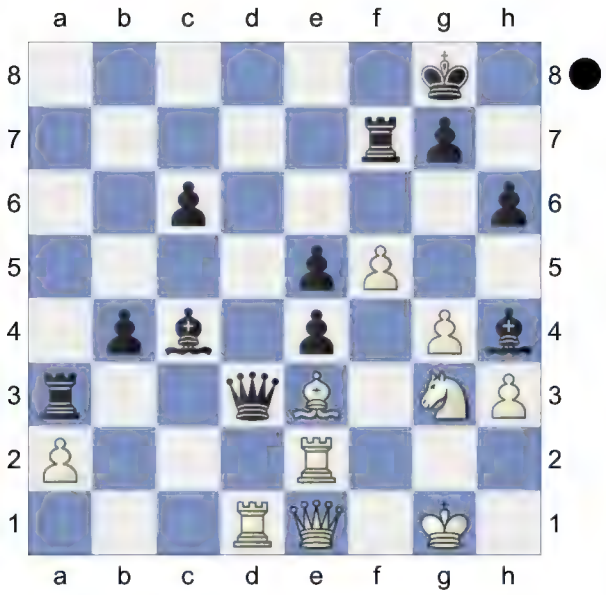
21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.Qc1 -3.42/17
[22.Qe1 -2.40/20 was worth a try.]
22...Qd3 23.Rf2



Bxb3! 24.Ng3 Bd5 25.Nh5 Rf7
(Diagram)



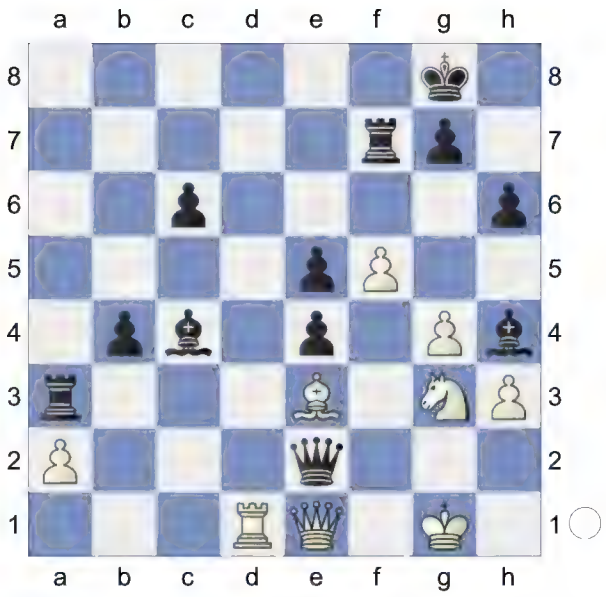
Black is clearly winning. **26.Qe1 Ra3 27.Re2 Bc4 28.Ng3 Bh4 29.Rd1**



White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.09 (flawless)

29...Qxe2!!

(Diagram)



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49 **A36**

□ **Bareev,Evgeny** **2675**

■ **Speelman,Jonathan S** **2610**

Moscow PCA-Intel qual (8) 1995

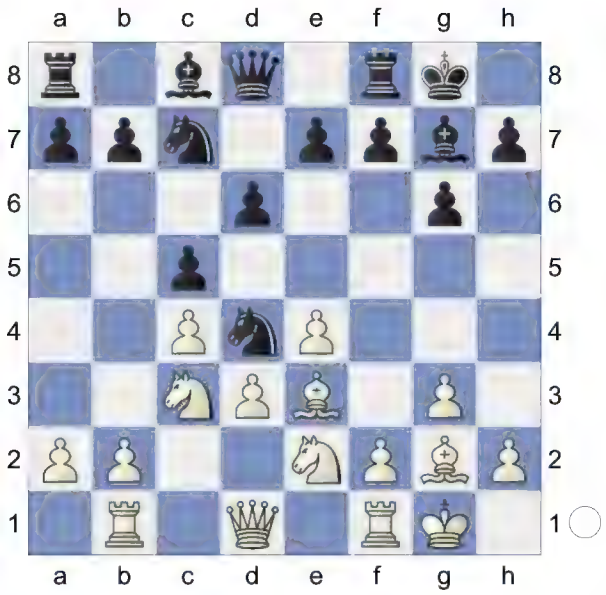
[TA]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d3 c5

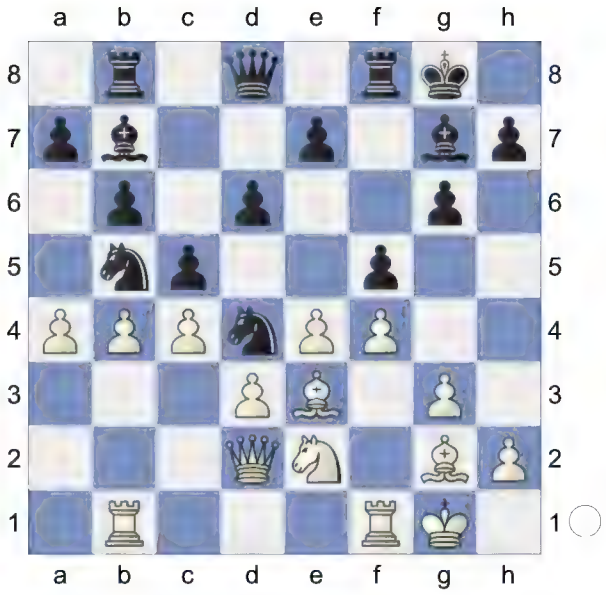
(Diagram)

6.e4 Nc6 7.Nge2 Ne8 8.Be3 Nd4 9.0-0 d6 10.Rb1 Nc7



11.b4 b6 12.Qd2 Bb7 13.f4
White has an edge. **13...f5 14.a4 Rb8 15.Nb5 Ncxb5**

(Diagram)



16.axb5 Qc7 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Qa2 Kh8 19.Nc3 e6 20.Kh1
[20.Qxa7? loses. Ra8 21.b6 Qd7-+]
20...Ra8

21.Rfe1N h6 22.Qd2 Qf7 23.Bg1 a6 24.bxa6 0.08/23
[24.b6± 0.63/18]
24...Rxa6= 25.Bxd4 -0.21/21
[⌓25.exf5 0.19/23 Bxg2+ 26.Qxg2 Qxf5 *(26...gxf5 27.Bxd4 Bxd4 28.Rb7±)* 27.Ne4]
25...Bxd4 0.34/21
[25...cxd4= -0.21/21 26.Nb5 fxe4

27.dxe4 *(27.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 28.Rxe4 e5=)* 27...e5]

26.Nb5 With the idea Nxd4. **26...Bg7 27.d4**

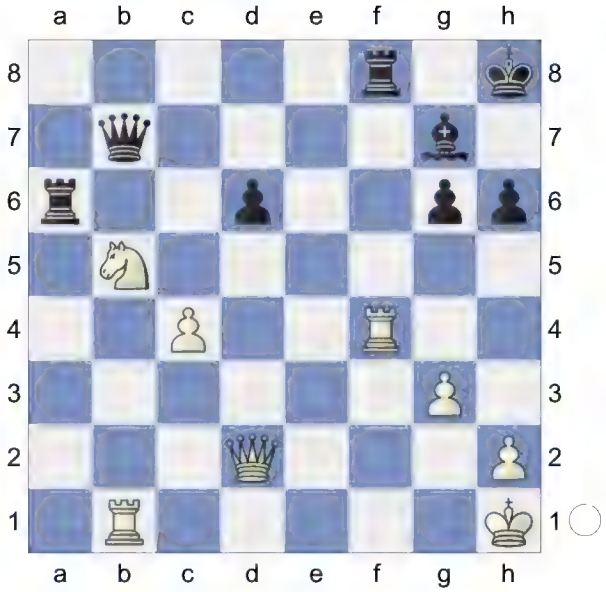
[27.exf5 with more complications. gxf5 28.Bxb7 Qxb7+ 29.Qg2]

27...cxd4 28.Nxd4 The position is equal. **28...Bxe4 29.Bxe4 fxe4 30.Rxe4 e5**

31.Nb5 exf4 32.Rxf4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)

32...Qb7+



Loss on time!?

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50 **A21**

□ **Anton Guijarro,David** **2674**

■ **Wei,Yi** **2721**

FIDE World Cup 2019 (2.4) 15.09.2019

[Kitty Kat]

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3

1.c4 g6 2.e4 e5 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 Ne7

(Diagram)

6.d3 c5N

[6...0-0 7.Nge2 Nd7 8.0-0 f5 9.d4 *(9.Be3 Nf6 10.h3 Be6 11.Nd5 c6 12.Nxf6+ Rxf6 13.b3 Rf7 14.Qd2 d5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Nc3 dxc4 18.dxc4 Qxd2 19.Bxd2 e4* Gurevich,M (2648)-Milov,V (2657) Bastia (m/2-rapid) 98/(10) 2006*; 9.Rb1 a5 10.Be3 Nf6 11.h3 c6 12.f4 Be6 13.b3 Nh5 14.Qd2 Kh8 15.Rbd1 Bg8 16.Kh2 Qc7 17.d4 fxe4 18.fxe5 Rxf1 19.Rxf1 dxe5 20.d5* Marc,S Postal Chess Club ch 1973*)* 9...Kh8 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 fxe4 12.d5 Nf5 13.Nxe4 a5 14.Qd2 b6 15.a4 Nc5 16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.Nc3 Kh7 18.Be4 Rf7 19.Qd3 Kh8 20.Bd2 g5 21.Nb5 ½-½ (61) Lacrosse,M (2445)-Seyboth,H (2475) Milano (m/1) 20/341 1975 (9)]

[6...h5 7.h4 Bg4 8.f3 Be6 9.Nge2 c6 10.Bg5 Nd7 11.Qd2 a6 12.0-0 b5 13.b3 b4 14.Nd1 c5 15.Nf2 a5 16.a3 0-0 17.a4 Qe8 18.Bh3 Nc6 19.Kh2 Kh7 20.Qd1 f5 21.Ra2 0-1 (56) Baumegger,S (2471)-Jankovic,A (2557) HUN-chT 1516 2015 (6.3)]

7.f4 -0.21/19

[⩲7.a3 0.30/22]

7...Nbc6= 8.Nf3 Bg4 Black is slightly better. **9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 f5** -0.06/19

[10...0-0∓ -0.51/20]

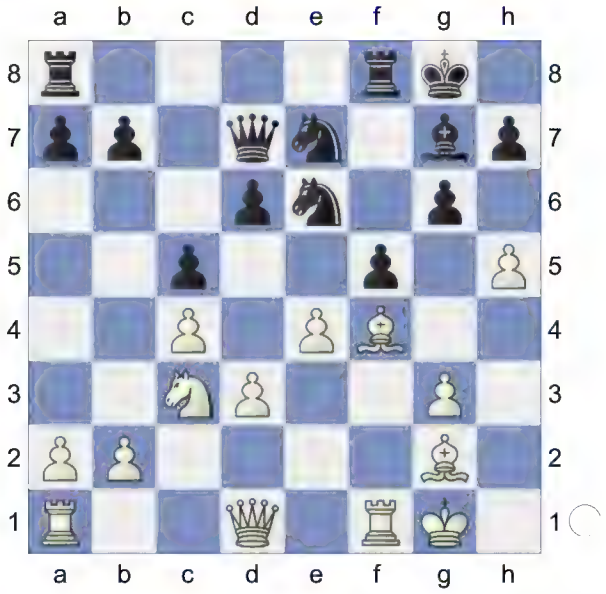
11.0-0 0-0 12.Bg2 Qd7 13.h4 -0.39/18

[13.Be3= -0.01/20]

13...Nd4 14.h5 exf4 -0.24/17 Black is more active.

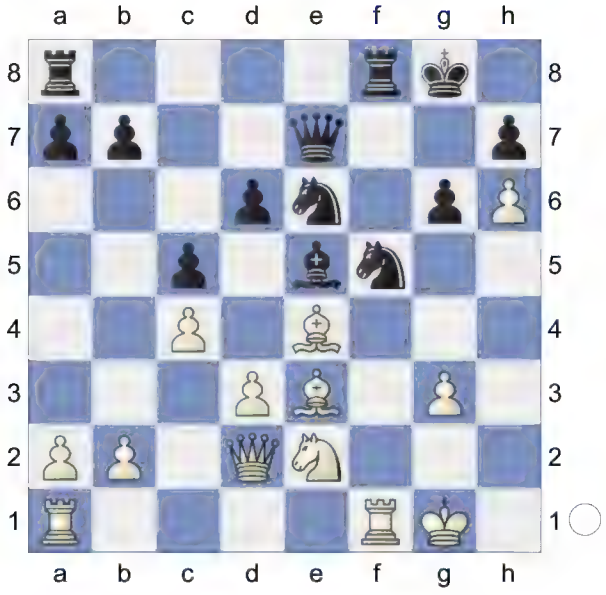
[14...Kh8∓ -0.68/18]

15.Bxf4 Ne6



16.Be3 Be5 17.Ne2 fxe4 18.Bxe4

-0.41/19
[18.dxe4= 0.00/19 Nc6 19.Qd5]
18...Nf5 19.Qd2 Qg7 0.42/20
[19...Nxg3?! 20.Nxg3 Bxg3 21.hxg6±]
[19...Nxe3∓ -0.57/17 20.Qxe3 Nd4 *(20...gxh5 21.Qh6=; 20...Bxb2? 21.Bd5+-)*]
20.h6 0.00/19
[20.Bd5!± 0.42/20 feels stronger. Rae8 21.Nf4]
20...Qe7



21.Bxf5 Rxf5 22.Rxf5 gxf5 23.Nf4 Kh8 24.Nxe6 Qxe6 25.Bf4 Rg8

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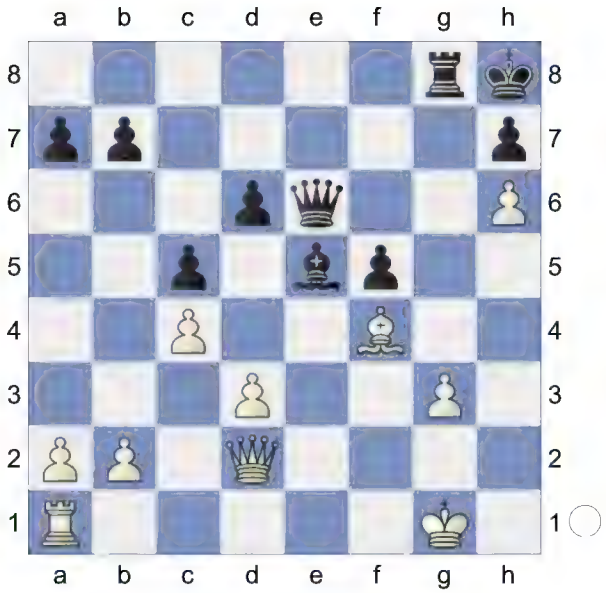

next ...Bxf4 is good for Black. **26.Rf1 Rg4**
[26...Rg6 simplifies 27.Kg2 Kg8 28.Qe3 Bxf4 29.Qxe6+ Rxe6 30.Rxf4 Rf6]
27.Qe1 Kg8 28.Kg2 Kf7 29.Kf3 -0.90/19
[Better is 29.Qa5∓ -0.36/21]
29...Qf6
[29...Bxb2 30.Qxe6+ Kxe6 31.Rb1+-]
30.Qa5! Kg6 -0.13/19
[30...Bxb2 31.Qc7+ *(31.Qxa7 Be5+-)* 31...Qe7 32.Qc8+- *(32.Qxd6 Qxd6 33.Bxd6 b6±; 32.Bxd6 Qxc7 33.Bxc7 Bd4=)*]
[30...Qe7!∓ -0.63/22 31.Qe1 Qf6 *(31...Bxb2 32.Qxe7+ Kxe7 33.Rb1±)* 32.Bxe5 dxe5]

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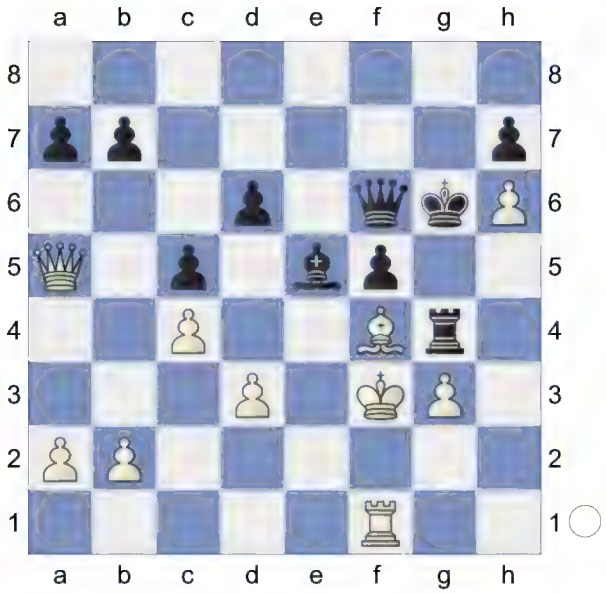

31.Qc7 Bxf4
[31...Bxb2? too greedy. 32.Qc8 *(32.Qxd6 Qxd6 33.Bxd6 b6±; 32.Qxb7 Be5±; 32.Bxd6 Qd4±)* 32...Kf7 33.Rb1+- *(33.Qxb7+ Kg6+-)*]
32.gxf4 Endgame KQR-KQR **32...Rh4** Really sharp!
[32...Qd4!? 33.Qg7+□ Qxg7 34.hxg7 Kxg7=]
33.Qg7+ -0.63/23
[33.Qd7= 0.00/23]
33...Qxg7∓ 34.hxg7 Kxg7 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **35.Kg3** -1.53/24 Prevents Rh3+
[35.Rg1+!∓ -0.65/21 Kf6 36.Rg2]
35...Rg4+∓

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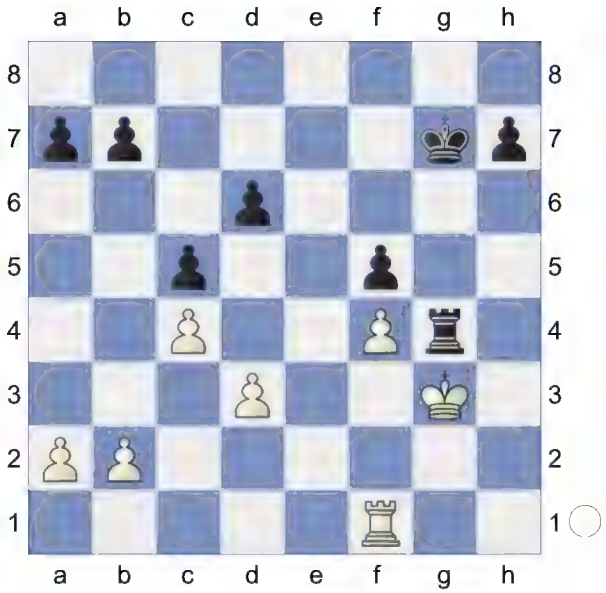
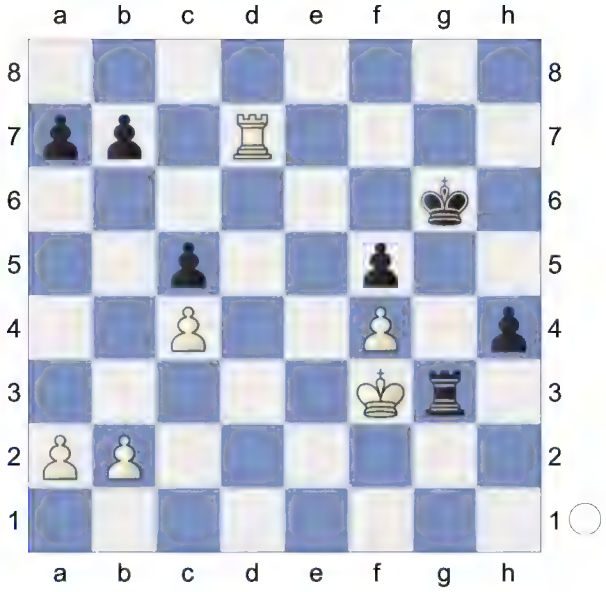


36.Kf3 h5 37.d4 -2.52/22
[37.Rf2∓ -1.35/23]
37...h4 38.dxc5 -5.10/20
[38.d5 -2.17/20]
38...dxc5-+ 39.Rd1 Kg6 40.Rd7 Rg3+



41.Kf2 Kh5 42.Rxb7 a5
[42...Kg4 43.Rxa7 Rd3 *(43...Kxf4 44.Rh7=)* 44.Rh7∓]
43.Rb5 Kg4 44.Rxc5 h3!
[44...Kxf4 45.Rxa5 Rd3 46.b3=]
45.Rc8 Rg2+

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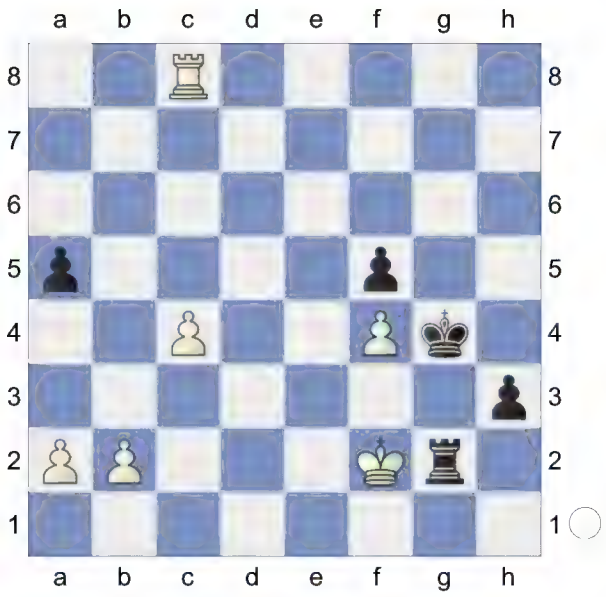


46.Ke3 Rg3+

[46...Rxb2 47.Rg8+ Kh4 48.Kf3∓]

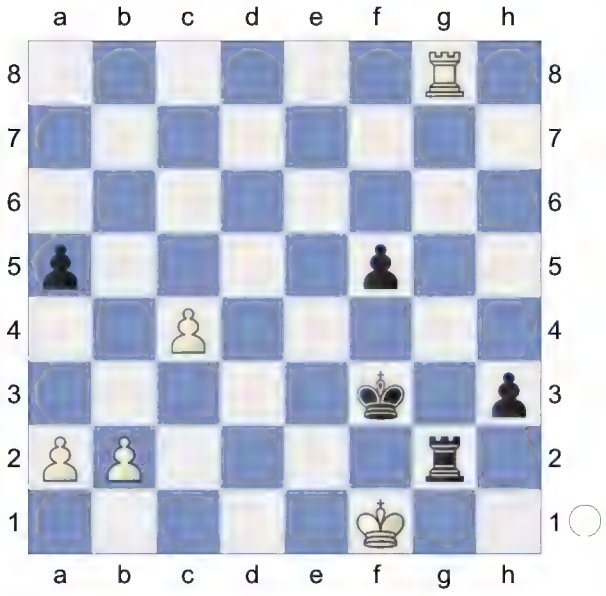
47.Kf2 aiming for Rg8+. **47...Kxf4**

[47...Rg2+? 48.Ke3 Rg3+ *(48...Rxb2 49.Rg8+ Kh5 50.Rh8+ Kg4 51.Rg8+ Kh4 52.Rh8+ Kg3 53.Rg8+ Kh2 54.a4-+)* 49.Kf2∓]

48.Rh8 Rg2+ Skewer **49.Kf1 Kg3**

[49...Rxb2 50.Rxh3 Rc2 *(50...Rxa2 51.Rc3∓)* 51.Ra3∓]

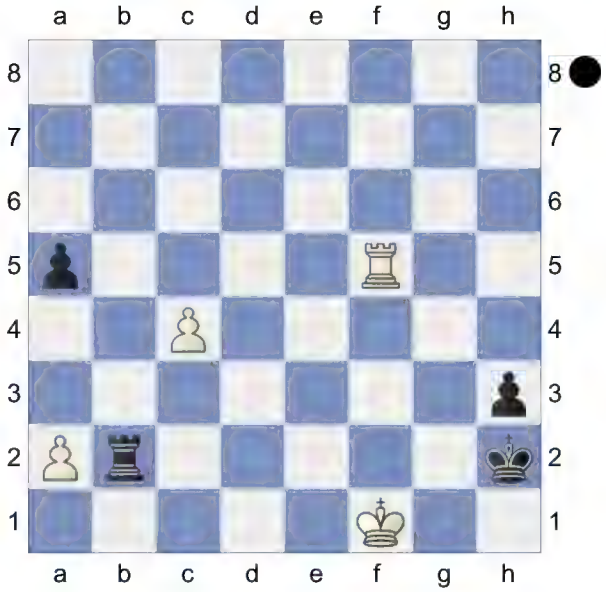
50.Rg8+ Kf3



51.Rh8 Kg3

[51...Rxb2 52.Rxh3+ Kg4 53.Ra3∓]

52.Rg8+ Kh2 53.Rf8 Rxb2 54.Rxf5



Kg3 Inhibits Rf2. White must now prevent ...h2.

[54...Rxa2 55.Rf3∓]

55.Rg5+ Kh4

56.Rg8

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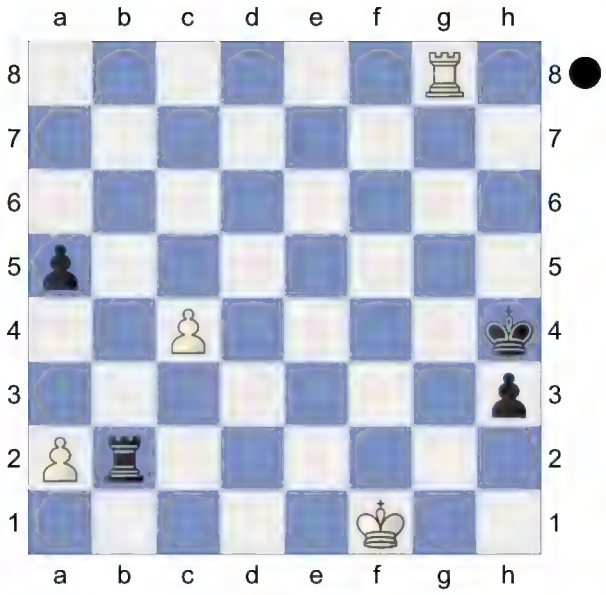

h2!

[Not 56...Rxa2 57.Kg1∓]

57.Rh8+ Kg3 58.Rg8+ Kf3 59.Rf8+ Ke4 60.Rh8 Kd4

61.Rh4+ Kc5 62.a4 Rb1+ 63.Kg2

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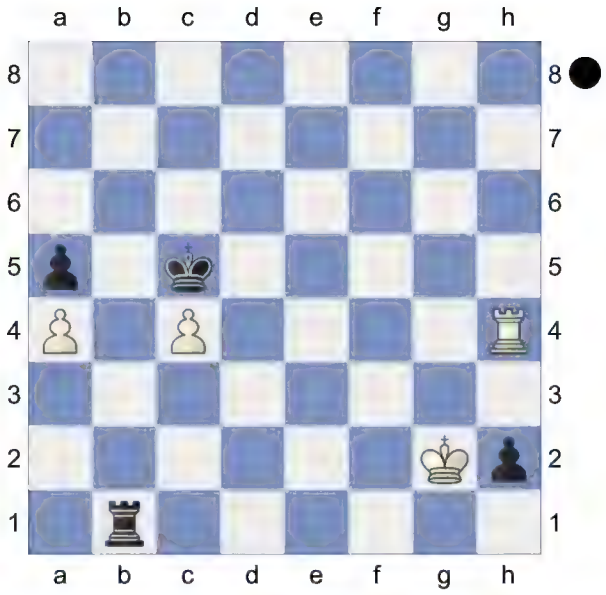
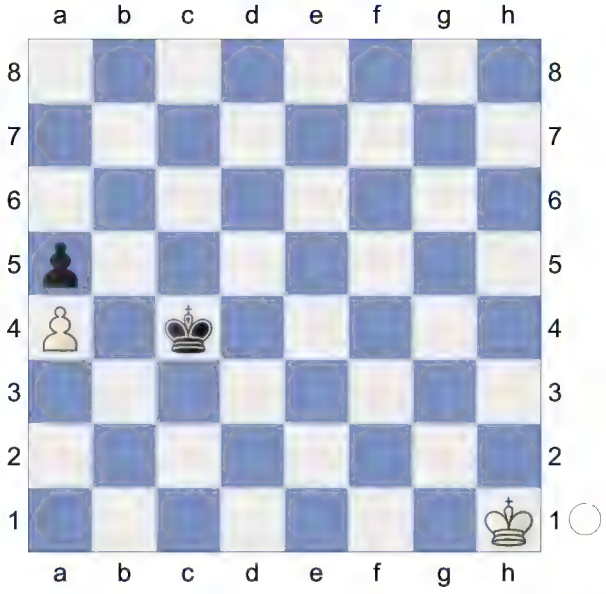


h1Q+! Deflection **64.Rxh1 Rxh1 65.Kxh1 Kxc4**



KP-KP. Black mates. **66.Kg2 Kb4 67.Kf2 Kxa4 68.Ke2 Kb3 69.Kd2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.22 (precise)

69...Kb2

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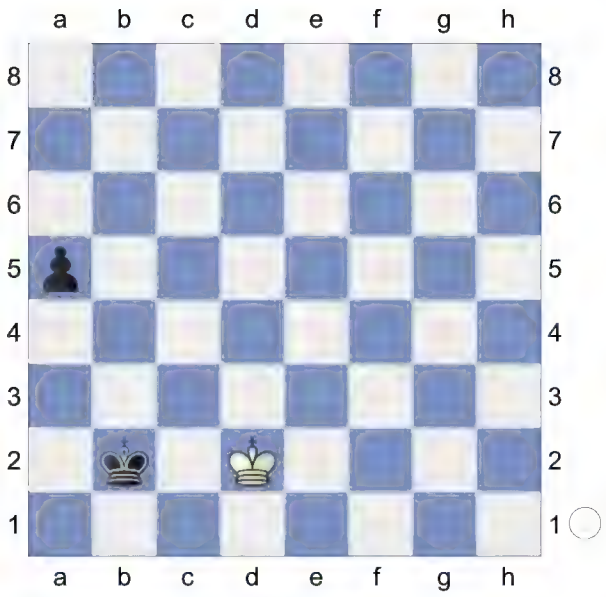

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51 **A36**
□ **Berkes,Ferenc** **2673**
■ **Pap,Misa** **2484**
119/21 Bad Wiessee 2013
[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
1.g3 c5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 d6

(Diagram)

6.e4 a6 7.Nge2 Rb8 8.a4 Nf6 9.0-0
The position is equal. **9...0-0 10.Rb1 Bd7**
[10...Bg4 11.f3 Bd7 12.Be3 Ne8 13.b3 Nc7 14.d4 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 17.Qxd4 b5 18.cxb5 axb5 19.f4 6) The Botvinnik Setup vs. ..-Botvinnik: 4...Nf6 with 6... c 1.c4: Simplified 2024]

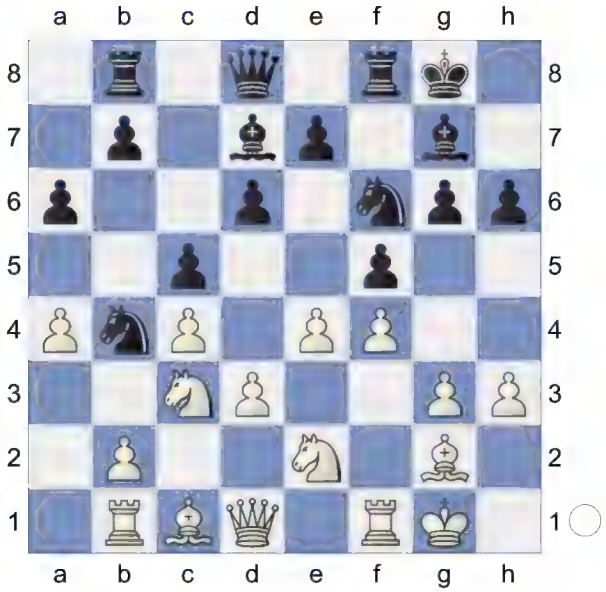
11.Be3
[11.Bg5 Ne8 12.Qd2 Nc7 13.Nd5 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5

16.Nec3 Rb3 17.Nxc7 Qxc7 18.Nd5 Qd8 19.h4 Be6 20.Qc2 Nd4 21.Qd2 Bxd5 22.exd5 Bf6 23.Bxf6 exf6 24.h5 f5 25.h6 g5 0-1 (46) Hansen,L (2525)-Hansen,C (2565) Kerteminde 192060 1991 (6)]

11...Ng4N

[11...Qc8 12.b3 Bh3 13.f3 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Qd8 15.d4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nd7 Phillips,R (2257)-Sanches,R (2030) (ol) 115/(17) 2012]

12.Bg5 h6 13.Bc1 Nb4 14.f4 Prevents Ne5 **14...f5 15.h3 Nf6**

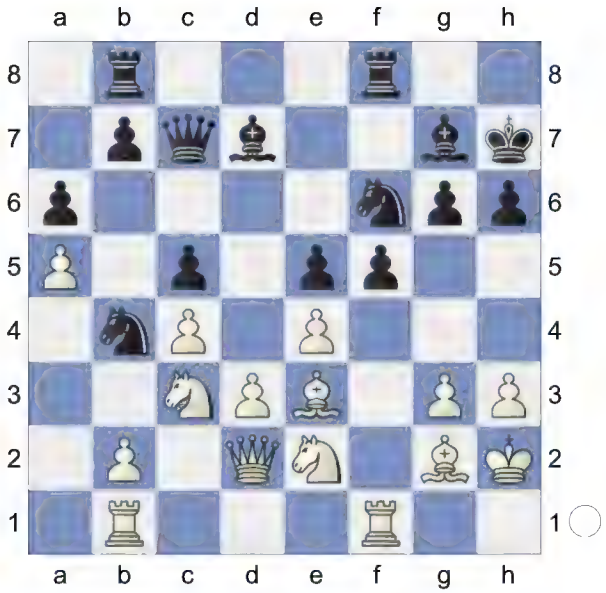


16.Be3 Qc8 17.Kh2 e5 0.46/20

[17...b6= 0.03/18]

18.Qd2± Kh7 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.a5 Qc7

(Diagram)



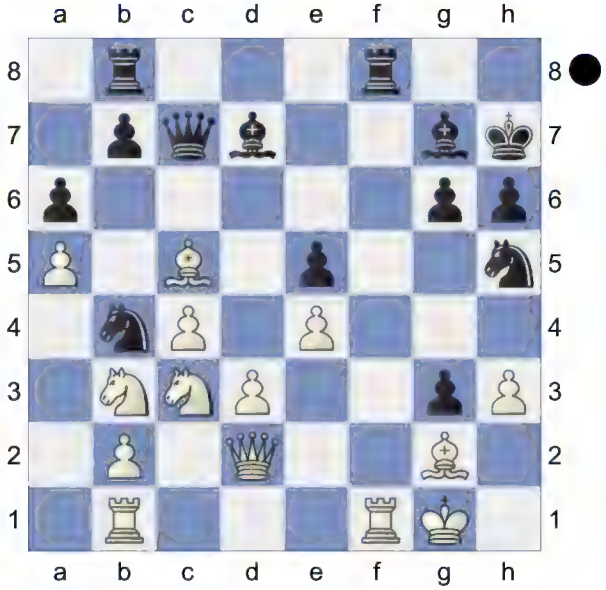
21.Nc1 Nh5

[21...Qxa5 22.Nb3 Qd8 23.Bxc5+-]

22.Nb3 f4!

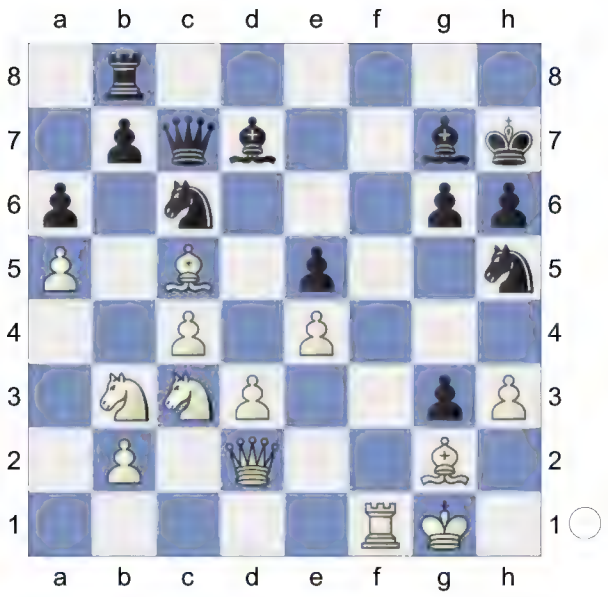
[Don't play 22...Nxg3?! 23.Rf2± *(23.Kxg3 f4+ 24.Kh2 fxe3=)*]

23.Bxc5 and g4 should not be overlooked **23...fxg3+ 24.Kg1**

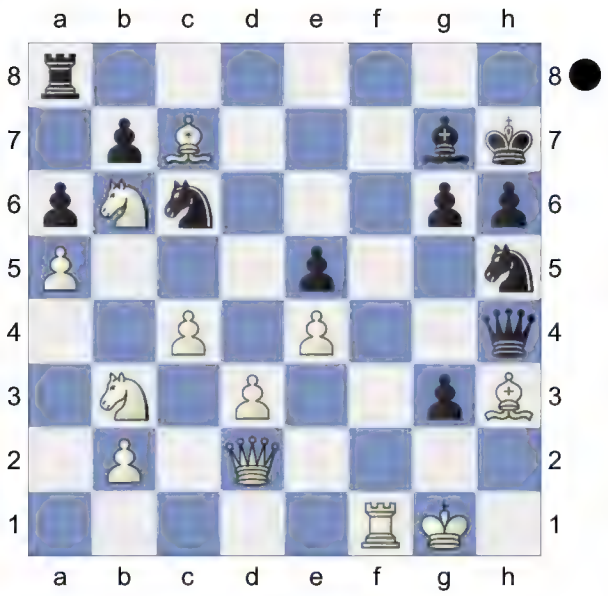


Rxf1+! 25.Rxf1 Nc6

(Diagram)

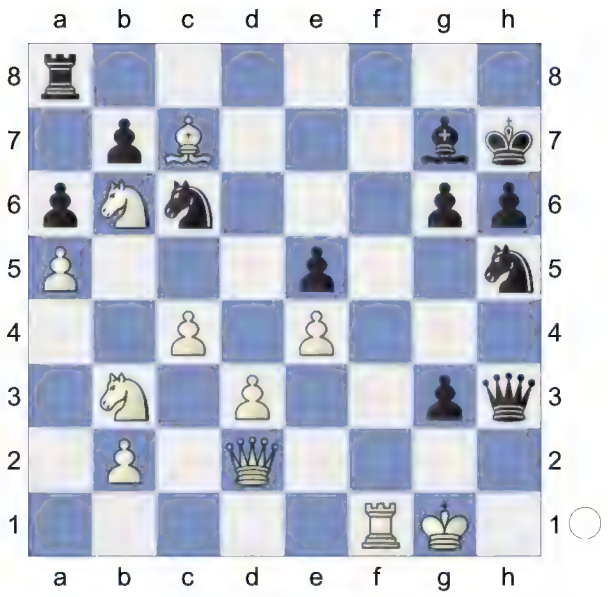


26.Nd5 Qd8 27.Bd6 Ra8 This costs White the game. **28.Bc7?** -2.57/23
[28.Nb6!∓ -0.55/18]
28...Qh4-+ 29.Nb6 Bxh3 30.Bxh3

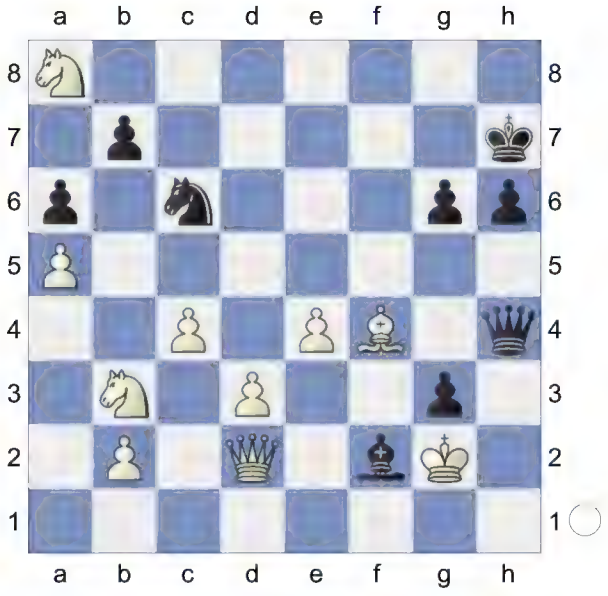


Qxh3

(Diagram)

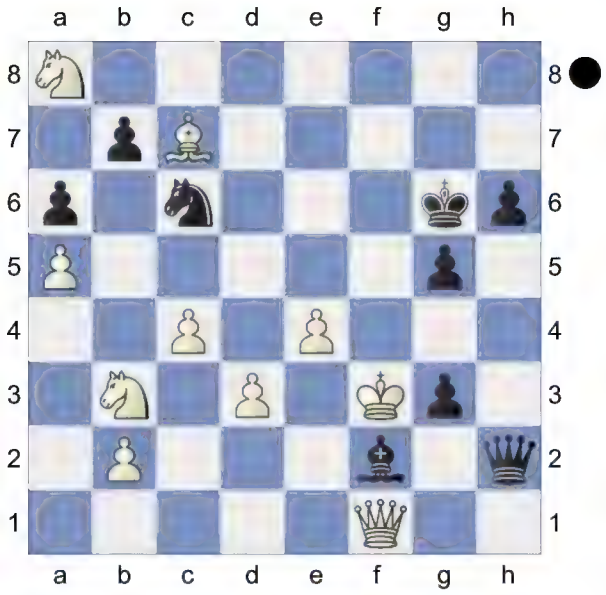


31.Nxa8
[31.Qg2 Qg4 32.Qf3 Qh4∓]
31...Nf4→ Repels Qg2. Black has strong attack. **32.Rf3?** -4.65/20
[32.Rxf4 -2.26/21 exf4 33.Bxf4]
32...Qh4 33.Rxf4 exf4 34.Bxf4 Bd4+ 35.Kg2 Bf2

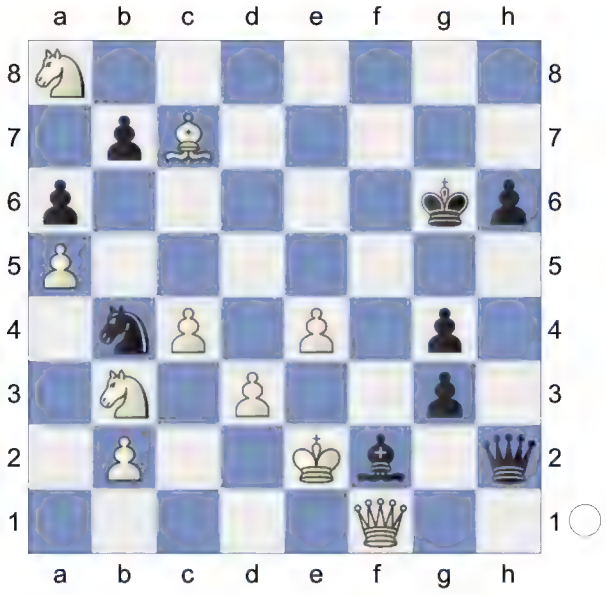


(-> ...Qh2+) **36.Qc1 Qh2+ 37.Kf3 g5 38.Bc7 Kg6 39.Qf1**

(Diagram)



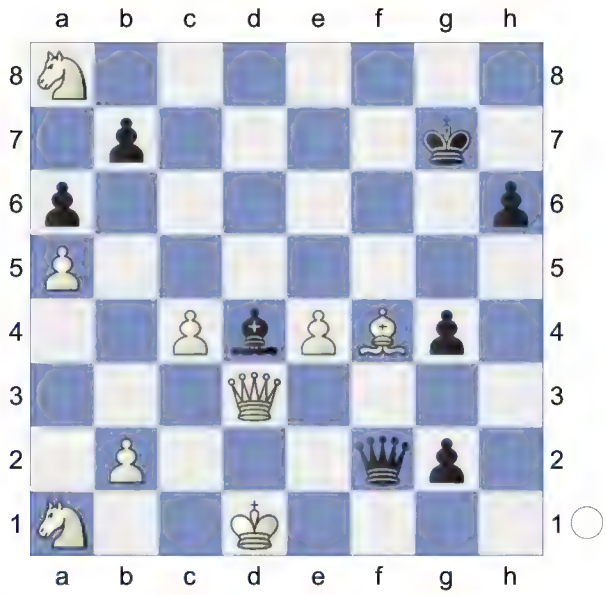
g4+! 40.Ke2 Nb4



(-> ...Bc5+) **41.Na1 Kg7** and ...Bd4+ would now be decisive **42.Bf4** -10.14/20
[⌓42.Kd2 -4.10/17 Qh3 *(42...h5? 43.Qe2-+)* 43.Qe2]
42...Bd4+ Black is clearly winning.
43.Ke1

(Diagram)

Nxd3+! Deflection **44.Qxd3 Qf2+ 45.Kd1 g2**
[45...Bxb2 46.Qd7+ *(46.Qxg3 Qxg3 47.Bxg3 Bxa1+-; 46.Bxg3 Qg1+ 47.Be1 Bxa1+-)* 46...Kh8 47.Qc8+ *(47.Bxh6? g2-+)* 47...Kh7 48.Qf5+ *(48.Qxb7+ Bg7+-)* 48...Kh8 49.Qf8+ Kh7 50.Qxh6+ Kg8 51.Qg6+ Bg7 52.Be5+- *(52.Qxg4 Qf1+ 53.Kd2 Qf2+ 54.Kd1 Qf1+ 55.Kd2 Qf2+ 56.Kd1=)*]



46.Bh2 Qf1+

[46...g1R+ 47.Bxg1 Qxg1+ 48.Kd2=]
[46...g1B 47.Bg3 Qf3+ 48.Qxf3 gxf3 49.Nb3+-]

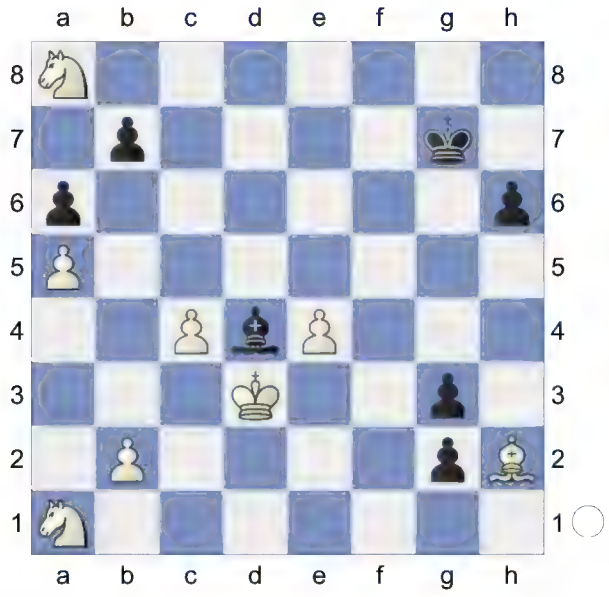
47.Kc2 Qxd3+

[47...g1R? is the wrong capture. 48.Qxd4+ Kh7 49.Bxg1+- *(49.Qxg1 Qxc4+ 50.Kb1 Qxe4+ 51.Nc2 h5+-)*]

48.Kxd3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.57

48...g3!



Loss on time!?

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52 **A16**

□ **Kamsky,Gata** **2665**

■ **Amin,Bassem** **2690**

Djerba Blitz Masters KO (2.1) 15.11.2020

[Kitty Kat]

A24: English Opening vs King's Indian: Lines without ...Nc6

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d3 e5

(Diagram)

6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 a6 8.0-0 c6 9.h3 b5 10.b3N -0.14/19

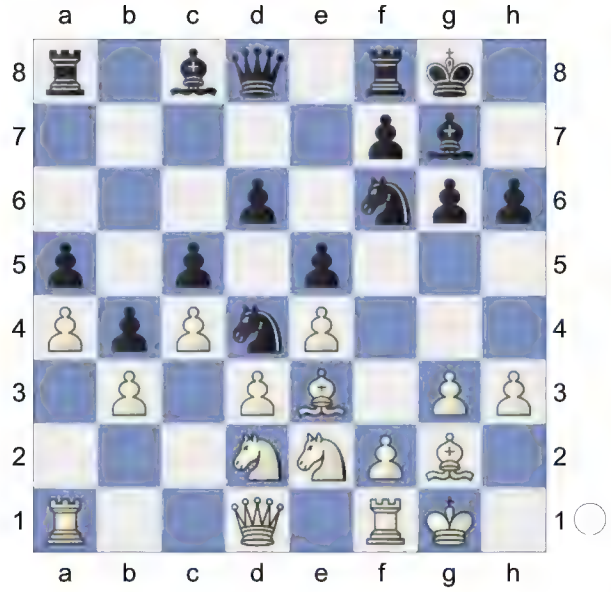
[10.a3± 0.43/19 Be6 11.b3 Nbd7 12.Be3 Re8 13.Qd2 Rb8 14.Rab1 bxc4 15.dxc4 Qc7 16.Rb2 6) The Botvinnik Setup vs. ..- Botvinnik: 4...Nf6 with 6...e 1.c4: Simplified 2024]

[10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 *(11.gxf4 Nbd7 12.Be3 Bb7 13.a3 Re8 14.Bf2 Qc7 15.Qc2 bxc4 16.dxc4 d5 17.e5 Nh5 18.Rad1 Bh6 19.Bh4 Nb6 20.c5 Nc4 21.Rf3 Bc8 22.b3 Nxa3 23.Qa2 Nb5 24.Nxb5 cxb5 25.b4 Be6* 0-1 (41) Aboud,T (2456)-Bolz,B (2641) 63/208 Odessa 1995 (1)) 11...Be6 12.Qd2 bxc4 13.d4 N,N-N,N English Opening: Anglo-Indian Defense, 2020]

[10.Be3 Nbd7 11.Qd2 Rb8 12.Rac1 Re8 13.b3 Bb7 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 d5 16.exd5 cxd5 17.cxb5 d4 18.Bxb7 Rxb7 19.bxa6 Rb6 20.Na4 Rxa6 21.Qd2 Qa8 22.Kh2 e4 23.Ng1 Ne5 24.dxe4 Nxe4 0-1 (45) Trkaljanov,V (2650)-Stronsky, V (2554) 29/329 Wijk aan Zee 1980 (8. 3)]

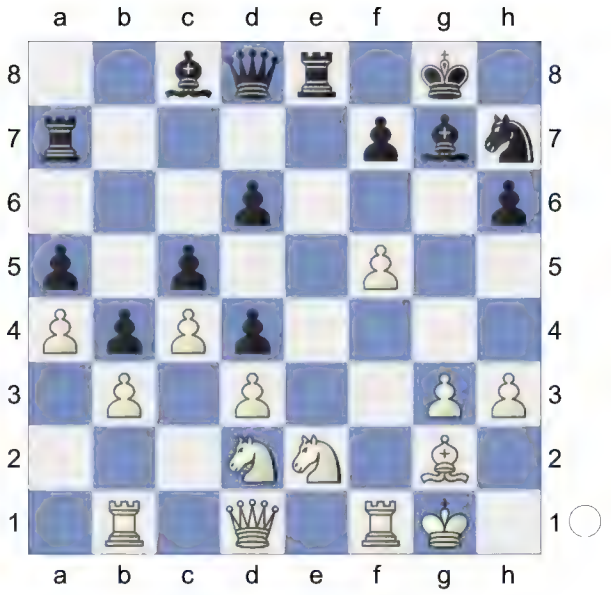
10...b4!=

11.Nb1 -0.52/19
[11.Na4= -0.12/22]
11...c5 Black is slightly better. **12.Bg5 Nc6 13.Nd2 a5 14.a4 h6 15.Be3 Nd4**

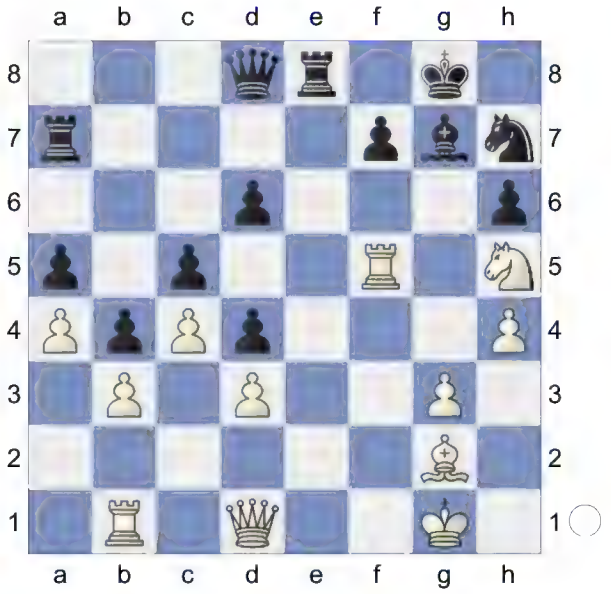


16.Rb1 Nh7 -0.43/19
[16...Nh5∓ -0.89/19]
17.f4∓ Ra7 18.f5 gxf5 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.exf5 Re8

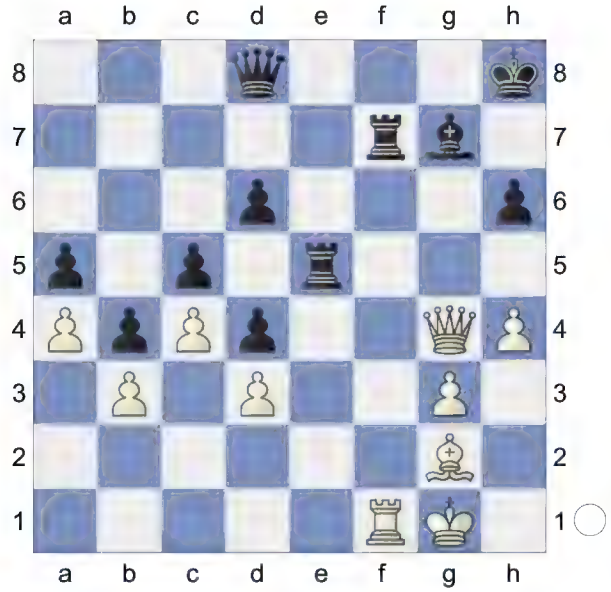
(Diagram)



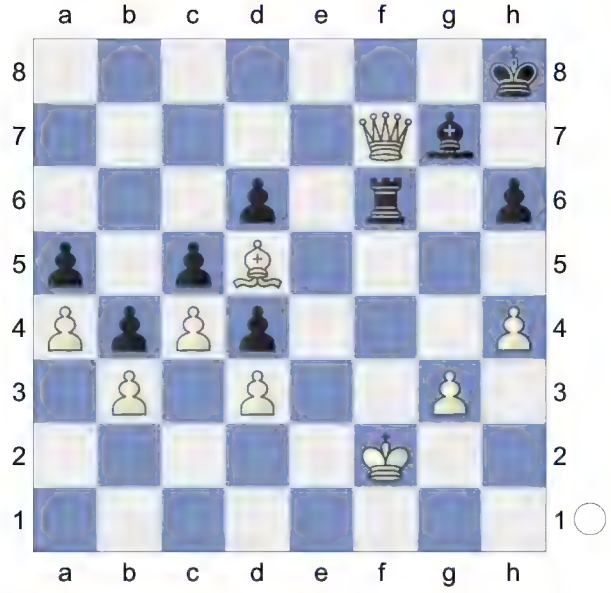
21.Ne4 -0.24/19
[21.Be4! 0.12/20]
21...Nf6 0.12/18
[21...Rae7 -0.24/19 deserves consideration.]
22.Nf4= With the idea Nxf6+. **22...Bxf5**
23.Nh5! Nxe4 1.72/18
[23...Nxh5!= 0.08/21 and Black is okay. 24.Rxf5 Rxe4 Remove Defender]
24.Rxf5+- Ng5 3.54/22
[24...Nf6 1.90/20]
25.h4 Nh7



26.Qg4 Black is weak on the light squares **26...f6 27.Rbf1 Re5 28.Nxf6+ Nxf6 29.Rxf6 Kh8 30.Rf7 Rxf7**

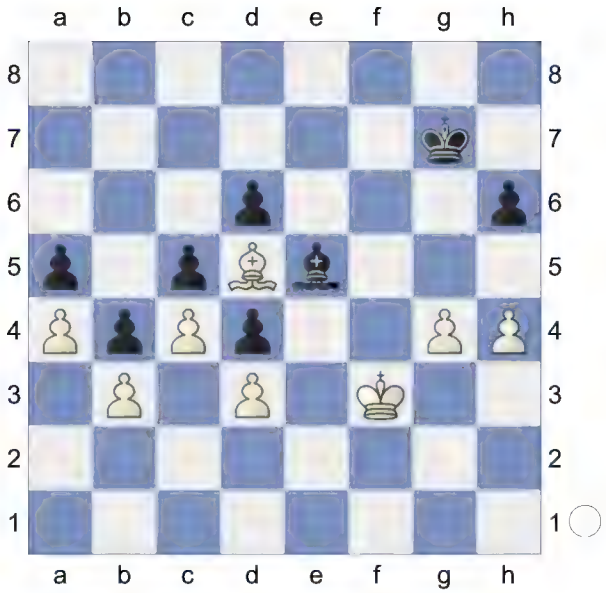


31.Rxf7 Qg8 32.Qf4 Re1+ 33.Kf2 Re6 aiming for ...Be5. **34.Bd5 Qxf7 35.Qxf7 Rf6+**

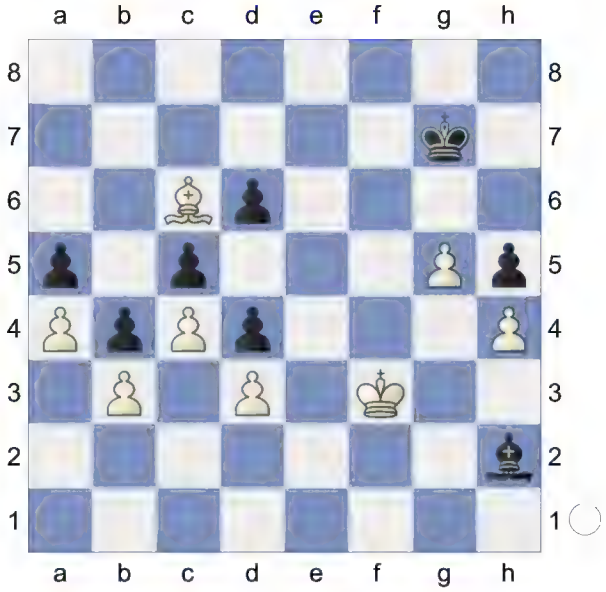


36.Qxf6!! Bxf6 Endgame KB-KB **37.Kf3 Be5 38.g4 Kg7?** 3.66/26
[38...Bf6± 0.97/25]

(Diagram)

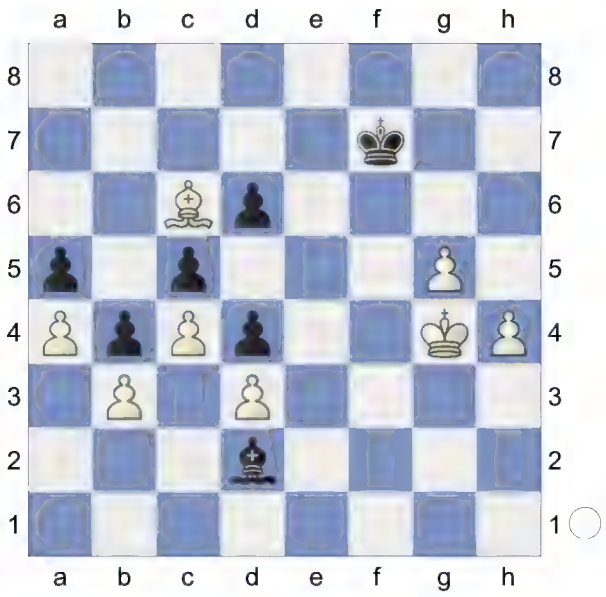


39.g5! h5 40.Bc6 Bh2? 9.21/24
[40...Kf8 2.77/21 41.Bd5 Kg7]

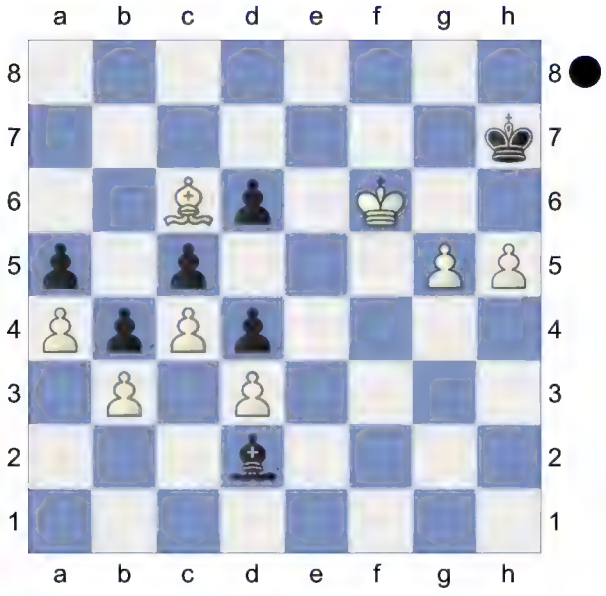


41.Be8 White is clearly winning. **41...Bg1 42.Bxh5 Be3 43.Be8** Threatens to win with Bc6. **43...Bd2 44.Bc6 Kg6 45.Kg4 Kf7**

(Diagram)



46.Kf5 8.34/24
[⌓46.h5 29.47/33 Kg7 47.h6+ Kf8 48.Kh5]
46...Kg7 47.h5 Kh7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.73
48.Kf6



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53 **A21**
□ **Eljanov,P** **2661**
■ **Edouard,Romain** **2642**
TCh-FRA Top 12 2019 (1.4) 18.05.2019
[Kitty Kat]

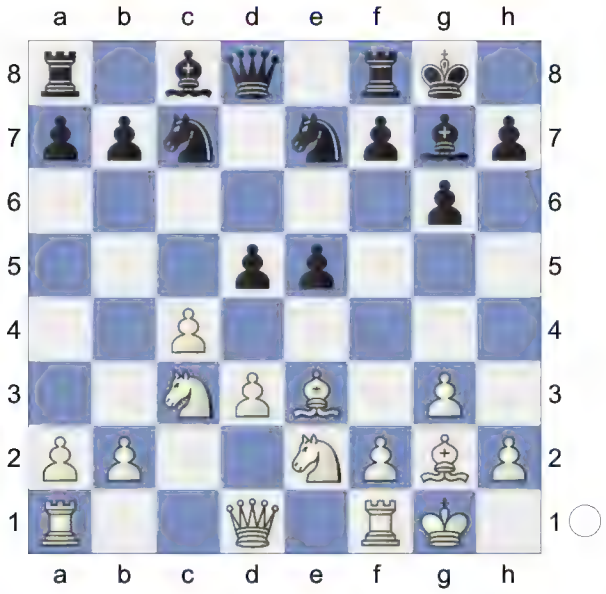
A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3
1.c4 0 **e5** 35 **2.d3** 0 **g6** 2:15 **3.Nc3** 59 **Bg7** 17 **4.g3** 16 **Ne7** 6:18 **5.Bg2** 12 **0-0** 6

6.e4 14:16
[6.Nf3 h6 7.0-0 c6 8.d4 d6 9.h3 Na6 10.e4 Be6 11.b3 Qa5 12.Bb2 Rad8 13.d5 cxd5 14.cxd5 Bd7 15.a3 Rc8 16.b4 Qd8 17.Qe2 Nc7 18.Nd2 f5 19.a4 f4 20.g4 Ne8 0-1 (47) 8. ♗h4 g6 9.f4 e5 (2624)-Kulygina,U (2674) (izt) 49/325 1990 (6)]
6...c6N 6:08
[6...d6 7.Nge2 f5 8.0-0 Nd7 9.Be3 Nf6 10.h3 Nh5 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.Nd5 Be6 13.Bg5 Qd7 14.exf5 gxf5 15.f4 Rae8 16.Kh2 Kh8 17.Rae1 Nd8 18.Bf3 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Nf6 20.Nc3 Nf7 21.Bh4 1-0 (64) Botvinnik,M-Robatsch XV Olympiad (fin) 1962 (6)]

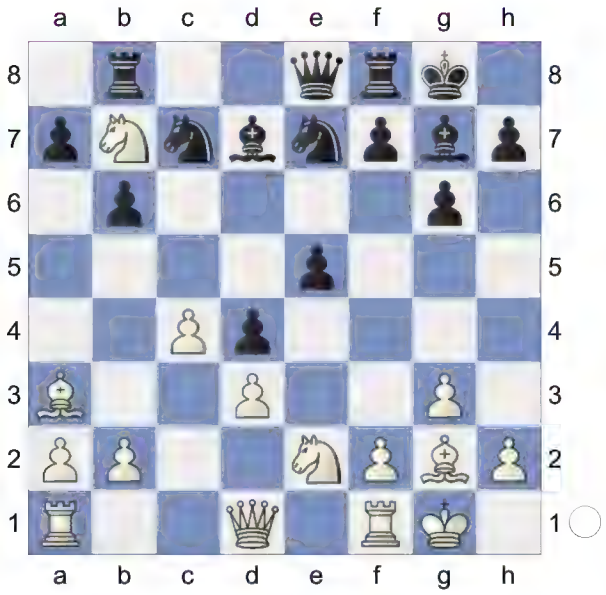
7.Nge2 11 **Na6** 6 **8.0-0** 57 **Nc7** 29 **9.Be3** 10:09 **d5** 2:43 **10.exd5** 0.03/18 5:09

[10.cxd5± 0.42/21 cxd5 11.d4]

10...cxd5= 35



and ...d4 should not be overlooked. The position is equal. **11.Bc5** 25 **d4** 2:09 **12.Ne4** 5:37 **b6** 2:24 **13.Ba3** 23 **Rb8** 49 **14.Nd6** 1:10 Prevents Bb7. **14...Bd7** 17:28 **15.Nb7** 2:43 **Qe8** 2:14



16.Nd6 2:34 **Qd8** 12 **17.f4** 5:04 **b5** 10:03 **18.Qe1** 0.04/17 15:05 Dodges b4

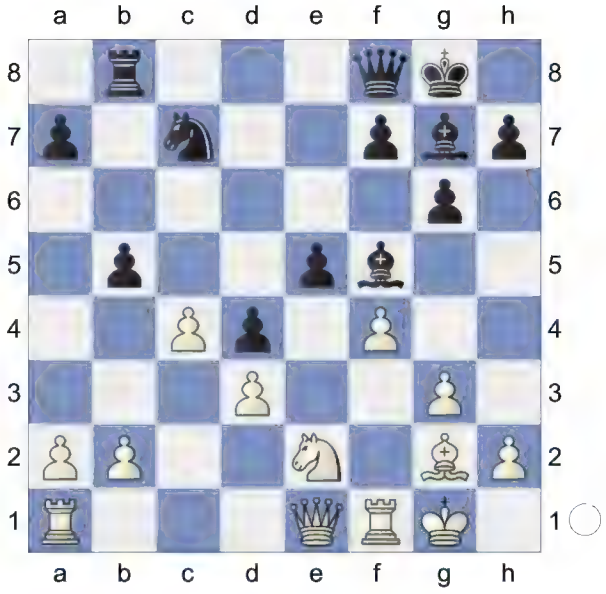
[18.Nb7± 0.48/18 is superior. Rxb7 19.Bxb7]

18...Nf5 9:53

[18...a5 19.Qxa5 Nc6 20.Bxc6 Bxc6 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.cxb5 Bd5]

19.Nxf5 4:53 **Bxf5** 10 **20.Bxf8** 3 **Qxf8** 26

[20...Bxf8 is more complex. 21.c5 Bxd3 22.fxe5 Bxc5 23.Kh1 Nd5]



21.fxe5 1:36 **Bxd3** 40 **22.cxb5** 40 **Rxb5** 1.11/22 1:19

[22...Bxb5= 0.00/18 23.Qa5 Ne6 *(23...Bxe2 24.Qxc7 Re8 25.Qxa7∓)* 24.Qxa7 Bxe5 *(24...Bxe2 25.Rxf7 Qxf7 26.Qxb8+ Bf8 27.Bd5=)*]

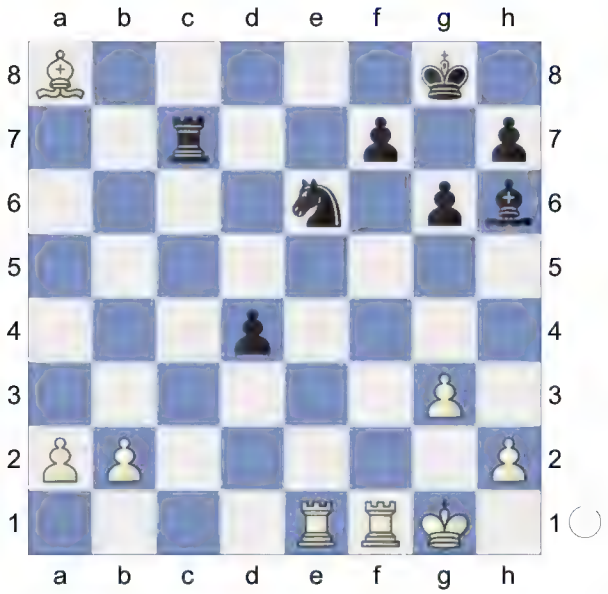
23.Qd2 4:56 **Bxe2** 40 **24.Qxe2** 4 **Rxe5** 17 White stays focused until the end. **25.Qc4↑** 2:15 White is on the roll. White is more active. **25...Ne6** 1.87/18 9:02

[25...Nb5± 0.80/18]

(Diagram)

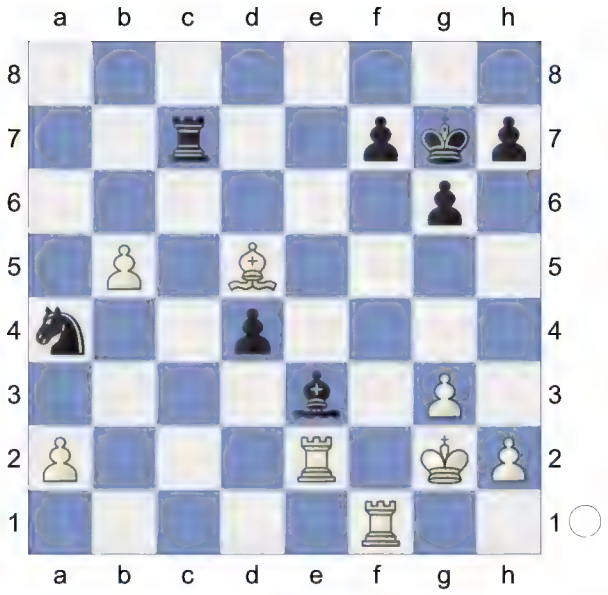
26.Rae1+- 2:35 **Rc5** 1:49 **27.Qa6** 1:19 **Qd8** 8:49 **28.Qxa7** 13:36 **Rc7** 19 **29.Qa8** 8 Threatens to win with Qxd8+. **29...Qxa8** 2:09 **30.Bxa8** 4 **Bh6** 2.39/19 9

[30...d3 1.99/19 keeps fighting. 31.Rd1 Rd7]



31.Bd5 4:29 **Bd2** 12:40 **32.Re2** 1:27 **Be3+** 27 **33.Kg2** 7 **Nc5** 7 **34.b4** 56 **Na4** 4 **35.b5** 32 **Kg7** 1:44

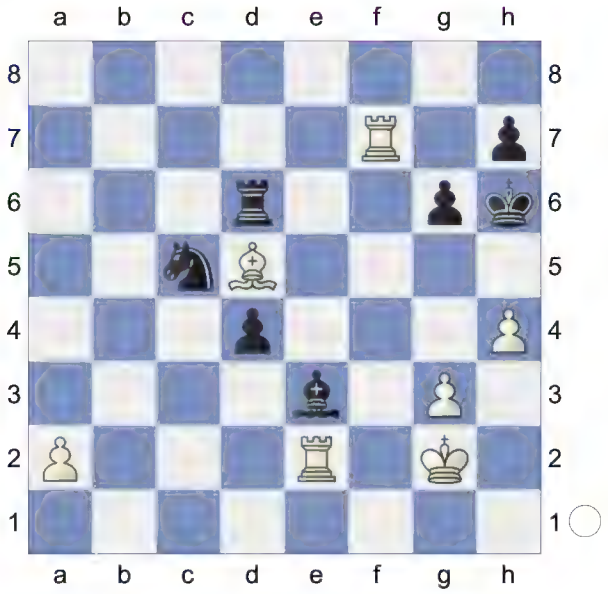
(Diagram)



36.Bb3 1:21 **Nc5** 22 **37.b6** 24 **Rb7** 52 **38.Bd5** 8 **Rxb6** 2 **39.Rxf7+** 7

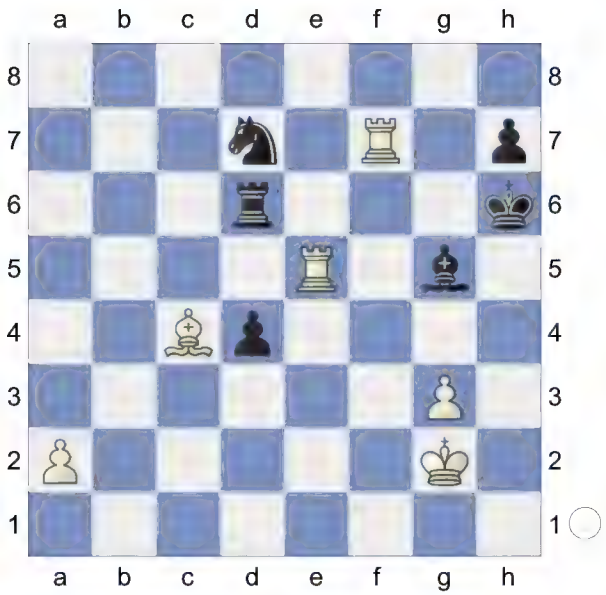
[Don't play 39.Bxf7 Rf6+-]

39...Kh6 1 **40.h4** 1:15 **Rd6** 2:30

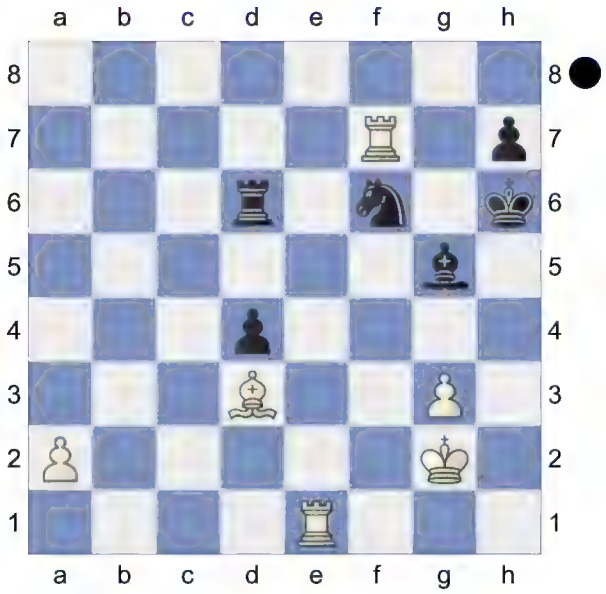


41.Bc4 31:44 **g5** 2:58 **42.hxg5+** 0 **Bxg5** 1:35 **43.Re5** 0 White is clearly winning. **43...Nd7** 3:42

(Diagram)



44.Bd3! 0 **Nf6** 11
[44...Nf8 45.Rxf8]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.36
45.Re1 0



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54 **A16**
□ **Rakhmanov,Alexander** **2632**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2691**
Olympic Esports Prelims blitz (3.2)
[Kitty Kat]

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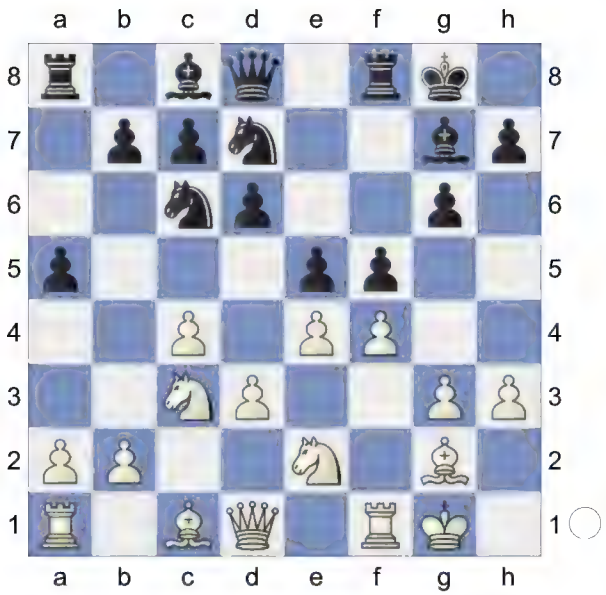


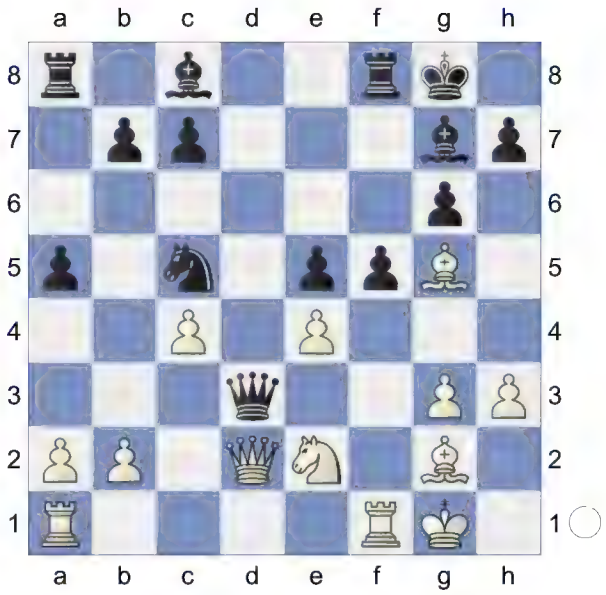
11.Be3 Nd4N White is slightly better.
[Predecessor: 11...exf4 1.22/17 11...Nd4 0.44 12.Nxf4 Nf6 13.Qd2 0.79/21 *(⌓13.exf5 1.57/21 Bxf5 14.g4)* 13...fxe4±

14.dxe4 0.46/17 *(14.Nfd5!± 1.00/19)* 14...Kh8 15.b3 Re8 1.09/20 *(15...a4± 0.57/19)* 16.Rae1 Bd7 1.26/18 *(⌓16...Ne5 0.81/19)* 17.Ncd5? -0.31/16 *(17.Nfd5± 1.26/18* And now Bg5 would win. *Nxd5 18.exd5)* 17...a4? 2.33/20 *(17...Nxe4∓ -0.31/16* keeps the upper hand. *18.Bxe4 Rxe4)* 18.Nxf6 Bxf6 0-1 Rath,A (2108)-Anisimova,M (1503) GER-ch blitz (Women) 2022 (14)]

12.Qd2 Nc5 13.fxe5N
[13.Rae1 c6 14.Kh2 Be6 15.b3 Qd7 16.Bg1 Rae8 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.Ne2 fxe4 19.dxe4 d3 20.Nc1 h5 21.h4 b5 22.cxb5 cxb5 23.Nxd3 Nxd3 24.Qxd3 b4 25.Bd4 Bg4 26.Bxg7 Qxg7 27.Rf2 Kh7 1-0 (42) Rakhmanov,A (2620)-Amin,B (2690) Singapore Olympic Esports Gp-B 2023 (4.4)]

13...dxe5 14.Bg5 -1.12/18
[14.Nd5!= 0.11/19]

14...Nxe2+∓ 15.Nxe2 Qxd3



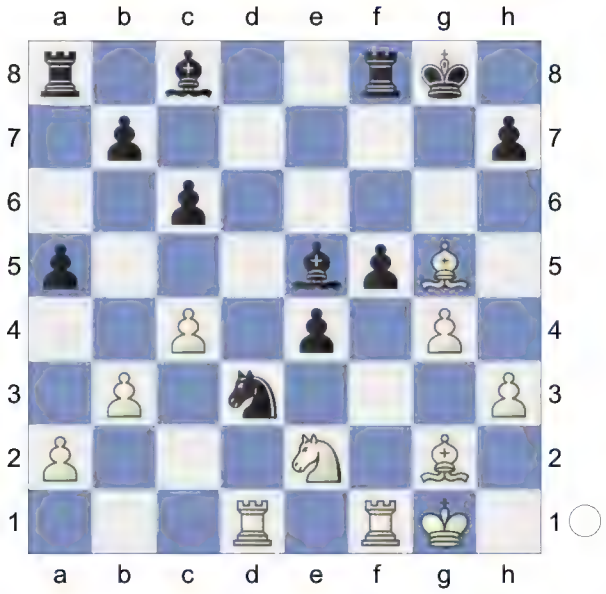
16.Qxd3 Nxd3 17.exf5 -1.70/20
[17.Nc3∓ -1.17/20]

17...gxf5-+
[17...Nxb2? 18.f6 Bh8 19.f7+ Rxf7 20.Bd5 Bxh3 *(20...Bf5? 21.g4+-)* 21.Bxf7+ *(21.Rxf7 c6+-)* 21...Kg7 22.Bd5+-]
[17...Bxf5 18.Bd5+ Kh8 19.g4=]

18.Rad1 e4 19.b3 c6 20.g4 -1.85/19
[20.a4∓ -1.44/17 was necessary.]

20...Be5 -1.09/21

[20...fxg4 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.Bxe4∓]
[20...a4-+ -1.85/19 21.Nc1 Ne5 *(21...fxg4? 22.Rxf8+ Bxf8 23.Nxd3∓)*]



21.Bh6∓ Rf6 22.Be3 Kh8 0.28/22
Black is more active.
[22...fxg4 23.Bxe4 Rxf1+ 24.Kxf1+-]
[22...Rf7∓ -0.91/19 Threatens to win with ...a4. 23.Bd4 Bc7 *(23...fxg4 24.Rxf7 Bxd4+ 25.Nxd4∓)*]
23.Bd4
[23.Bg5 keeps more tension. Rg6 24.h4 a4 25.gxf5 Rg8 26.Bxe4 Nc5 27.Bg2]
23...Bxd4+! 24.Nxd4 Nc5 25.gxf5 Bd7

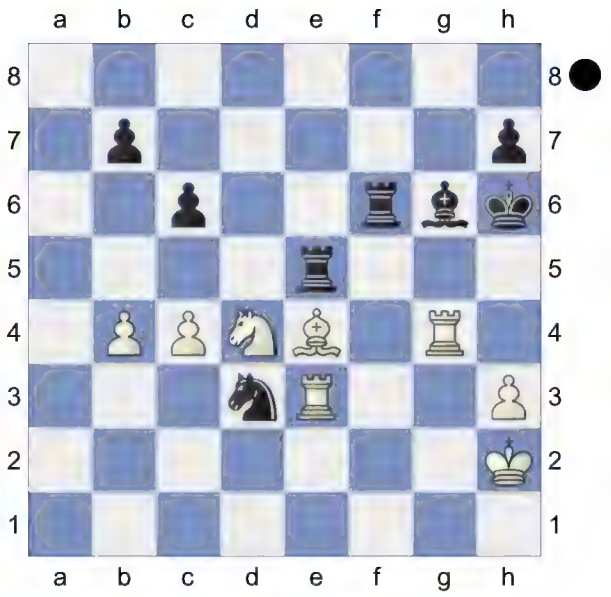
(Diagram)

26.Rde1 -0.81/19
[26.a3= -0.15/20 remains equal.]
26...Re8 27.Re3 Re5 0.00/18
[27...Rd6∓ -0.93/20 28.b4 axb4]
28.Rf4 -0.69/23
[28.Rg3!= 0.00/18]
28...Bxf5 -0.03/27
[28...Rd6!∓ -0.69/23 29.f6 Kg8 *(29...Rxd4? 30.f7+-)* 30.f7+ Kf8]
29.Kh2 Kg7↑ White is under pressure.
30.a3? -2.16/19
[30.Rxf5= -0.05/25 Rfxf5 31.Nxf5+ Rxf5 32.a3]
30...Bg6-+

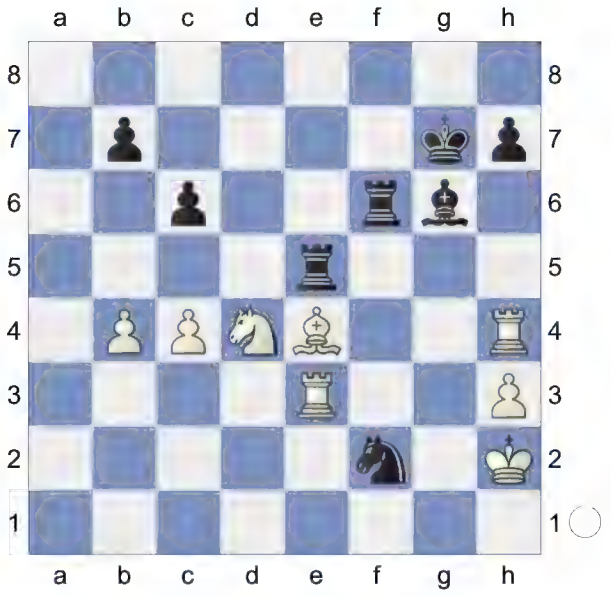
(Diagram)

31.Rg4 Kh6 -1.27/16
[31...h5-+ -2.87/21 is more deadly. 32.Rgg3 Kh6]
32.b4∓ axb4 33.axb4 Nd3 -0.67/17
[Better is 33...Rd6∓ -1.29/21 34.Nf3 exf3 *(34...Ree6? 35.Ng5+-)* 35.Rxe5 Nd3 36.Rh4+ Kg7 37.Re7+ Kf6 38.Rxb7 *(38.c5? Rd5∓)* 38...fxg2 39.Kxg2 h5]
34.Bxe4? -4.13/22
[White should try 34.Rh4+!∓ -0.67/17 Kg5 *(34...Kg7 35.Bxe4 Nxb4 36.Re2∓)* 35.Rg4+ Kh6 36.b5]

(Diagram)

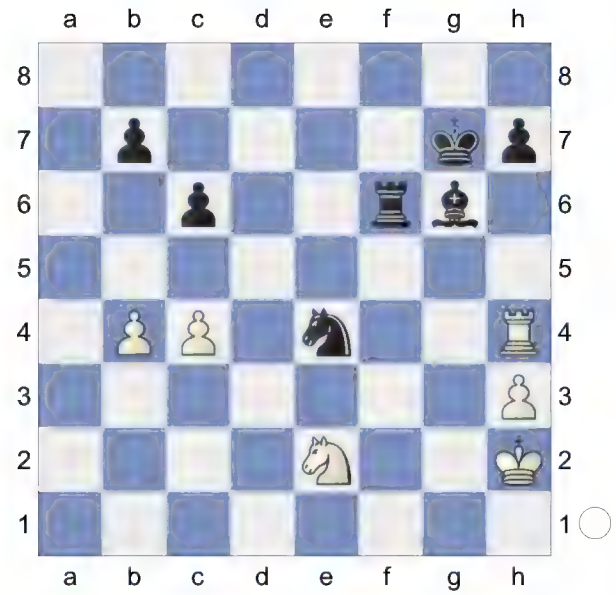


34...Nf2!-+
[Less strong is 34...Nxb4 35.Bxg6 Rxe3 36.Nf5+ Rxf5 37.Bxf5∓]
35.Rh4+ Kg7? -0.13/16
[35...Kg5-+ -3.12/22 36.Nf3+ Rxf3 37.Rxf3 Bxe4 *(37...Kxh4 38.Bxg6 hxg6 39.Rxf2∓; 37...Rxe4 38.Rxe4 Nxe4 39.Rf8∓; 37...Nxe4 38.Rg4+ Kh5 39.Rff4∓)* 38.Rxe4 Nxe4]



36.Ne2? -4.18/19 **Rxe4 37.Rexe4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.39

37...Nxe4



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55 **A26**
□ **Djuric,Stefan** **2630**
■ **Peltais,Alan** **2620**
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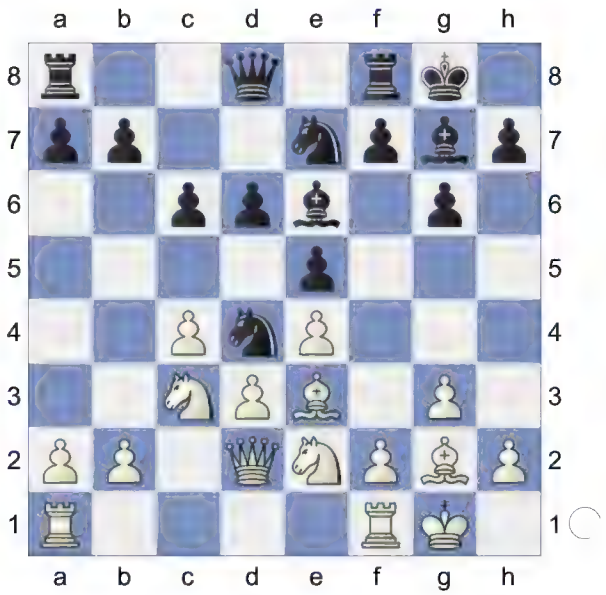
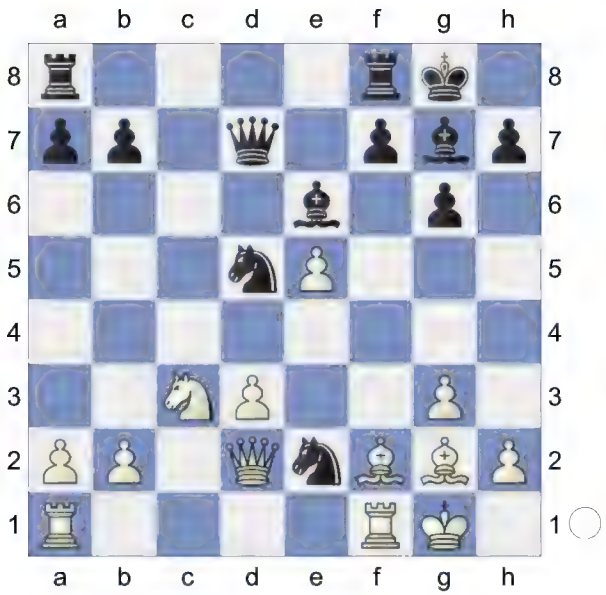
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 Nge7

(Diagram)

6.e4 0-0 7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 Nd4 9.Be3 -0.10/16
[9.Nxd4± 0.45/18 exd4 10.Ne2]
9...c6= 10.Qd2 Be6



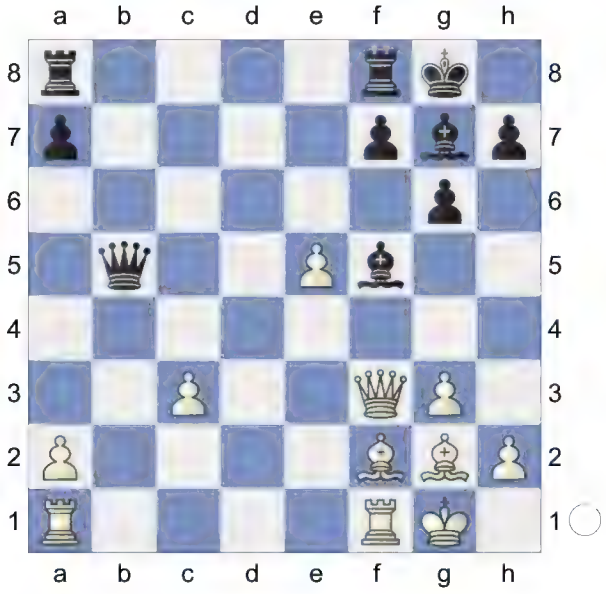
The position is equal. **11.f4 Qd7 12.Bf2 d5** 0.37/22
[Better is 12...Nxe2+∓ -0.40/20 13.Nxe2 f5]
13.cxd5
[13.exd5 Nxe2+ 14.Qxe2 cxd5 15.fxe5 Bg4 16.Qe3]
13...cxd5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.fxe5 Nxe2+



16.Qxe2 Bg4 17.Qe4 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Bf5 19.Qxb7 Qxd3 20.Qf3

[20.Qxa8 Rxa8 *(20...Bxe5? 21.Qxa7 Bg7 22.a4+-)* 21.Rad1 Qxc3 22.Bxa8 Bh6= *(22...Qxe5? 23.Rd8+ Bf8 24.Re1±; 22...Bxe5 23.Bg2∓)*]

20...Qb5N



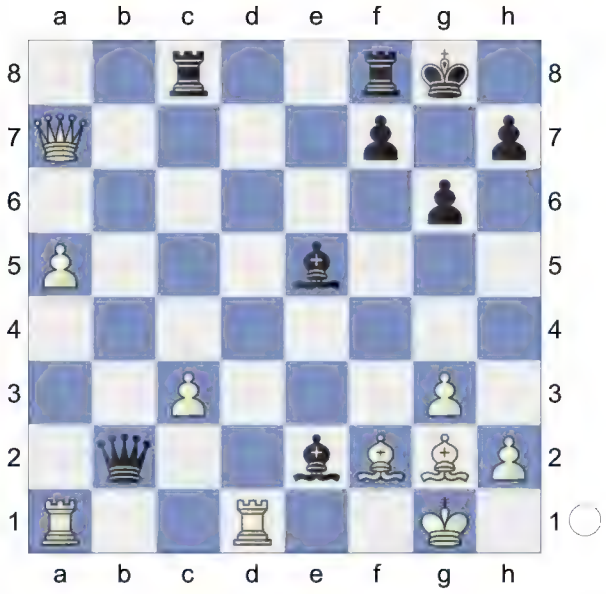
21.Qe3 0.01/20

[21.Qd5± 0.46/18 Qxd5 22.Bxd5]

21...Rac8 22.Qxa7 Bxe5 23.a4 Qb2 24.a5 Bd3 25.Rfd1 Be2

[25...Rxc3 keeps more tension.

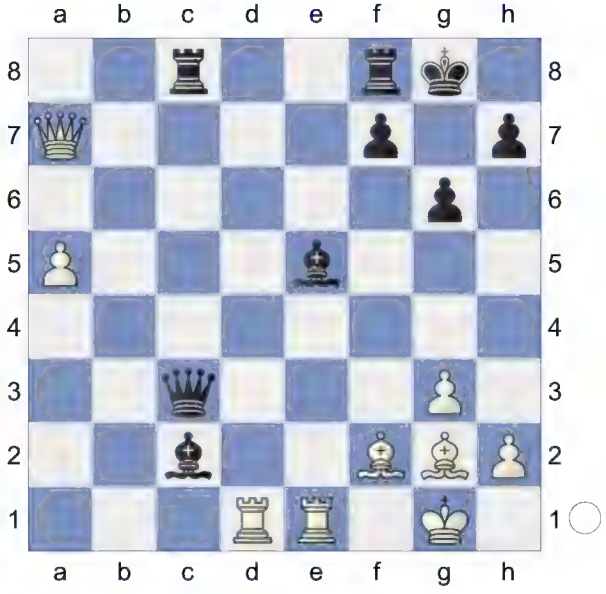
26.Bd5 Rc2 27.Rab1 Qc3]



26.Rab1 Qxc3 27.Re1 Bd3 28.Rbd1 White leaves nothing to chance now.

28...Bc2 1.56/18

[28...Rfd8!± 0.56/17]



29.Rd5!↑ White is really pushing.

29...Bf6 30.a6 Rc5 would now be deadly. **30...Bd3**

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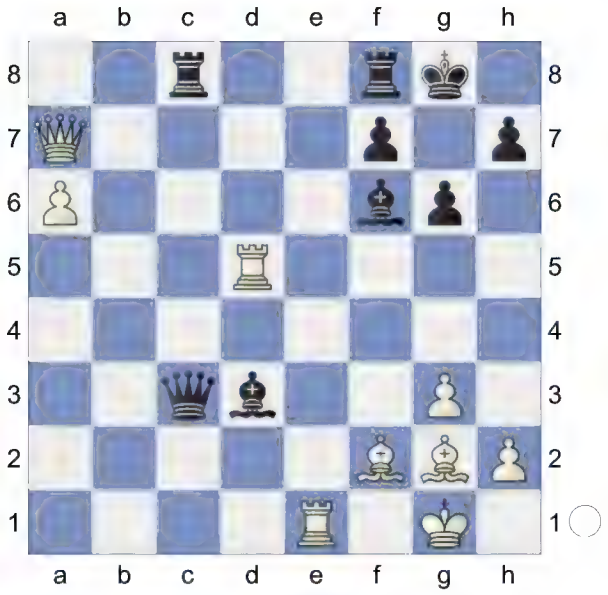
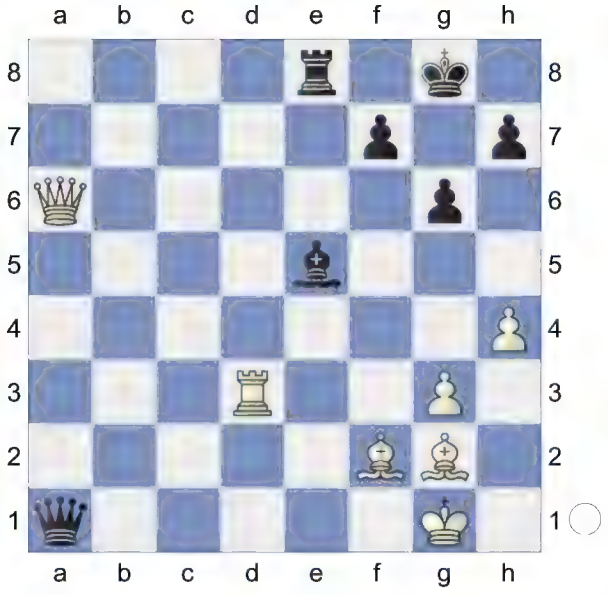


31.Rd6! Rfe8 2.74/21
[⌓31...Rcd8 1.73/19 32.Qb6 Rxd6 Remove Defender 33.Qxd6 Bxa6]
32.Rxe8++- Rxe8 33.h4 Bxa6 34.Qxa6 Be5 35.Rd3 Qa1+



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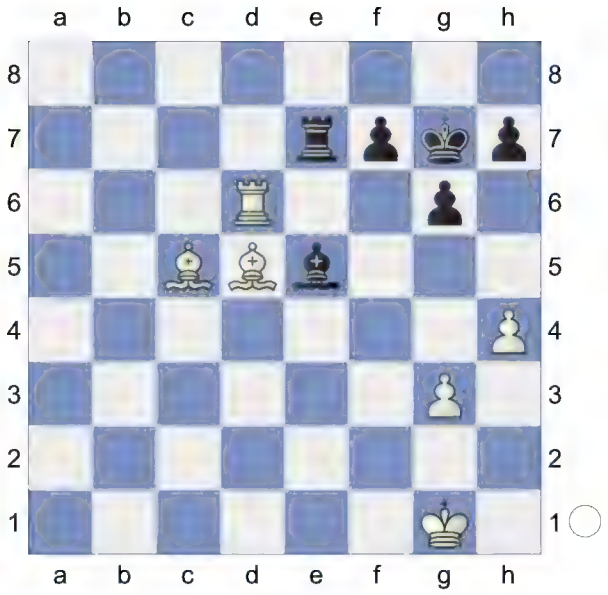
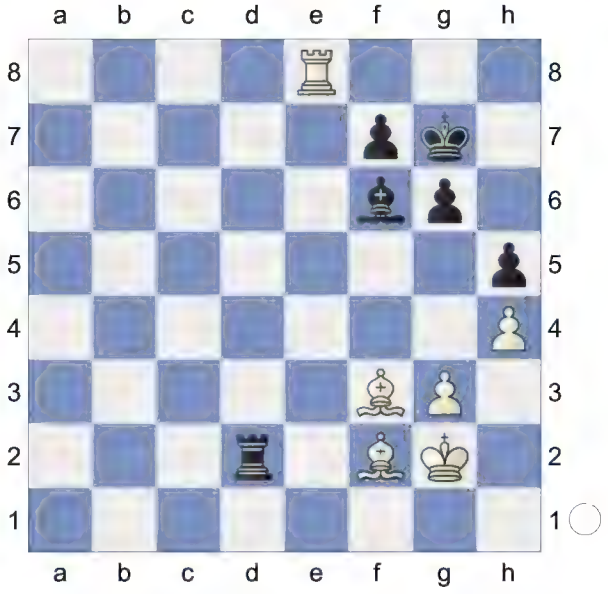
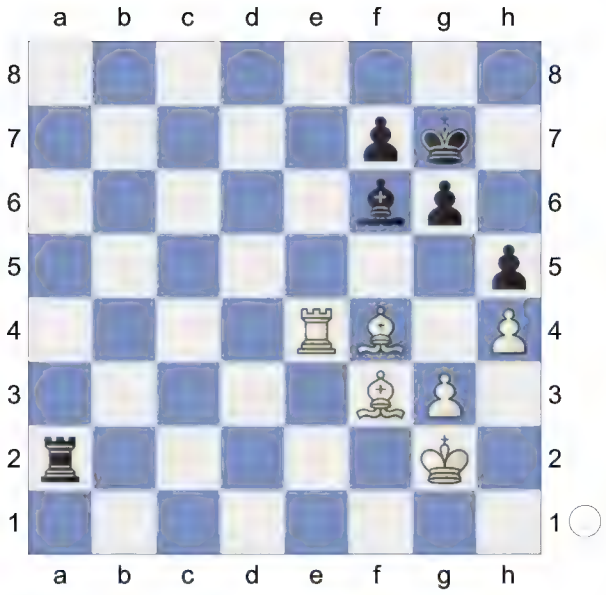


41.Rd8 Rc7 42.Bf2 h5 43.Re8 Bf6 44.Bf3 Rd7 45.Kg2 Rd2

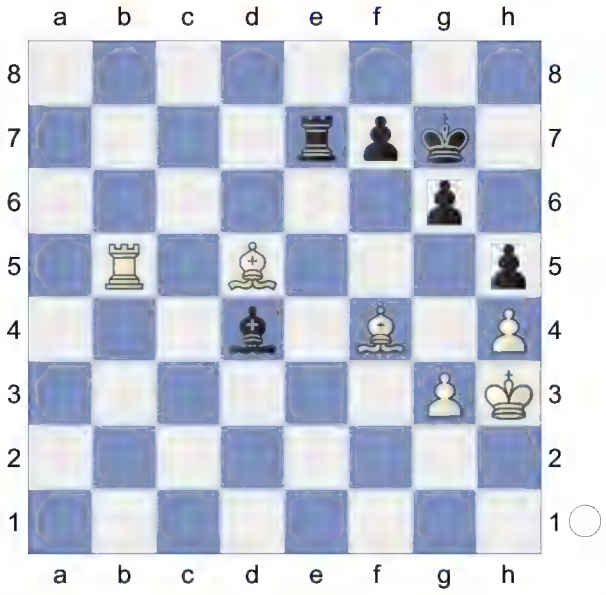


46.Re4 Repels Bd4 **46...Rc2 47.Bd1 Rc3 48.Be3 Rd3 49.Bf3 Ra3 50.Bf4 Ra2+**

(Diagram)



51.Kh3 Ra7 3.20/20
[51...Ra3 2.20/16 52.Bd1 Rd3]
52.Rb4 Bc3 53.Rb3 Bd4 54.Bd5 Rd7 3.10/21
[⌓54...Ra5 1.98/20]
55.Rb5 Re7



56.Kg2 Be5 57.Kf3 Bd4 58.Bc4 Rd7 59.Ra5 Ra7 60.Rd5 Bf6

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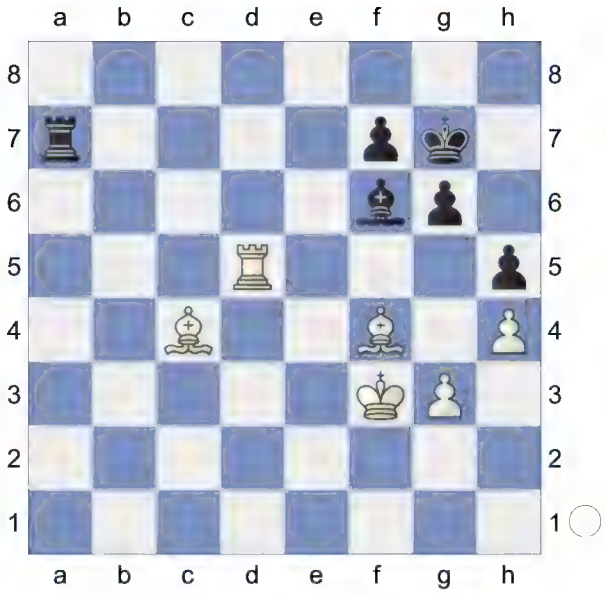
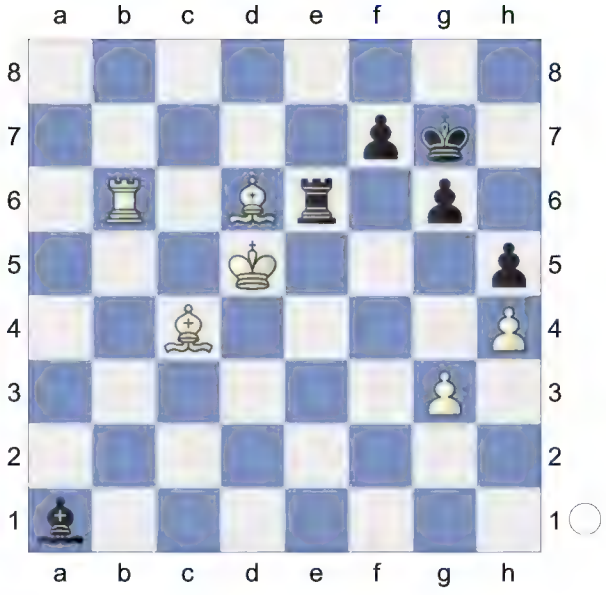


61.Rd6 Bb2 62.Ke4 Re7+ 63.Kd5 Bc3 64.Rb6 Ba1 65.Bd6 Re6? 4.65/20
[65...Ra7 2.44/18 might work better. 66.Ke4 Rd7]



66.Kc6 Rf6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)
67.Kd7

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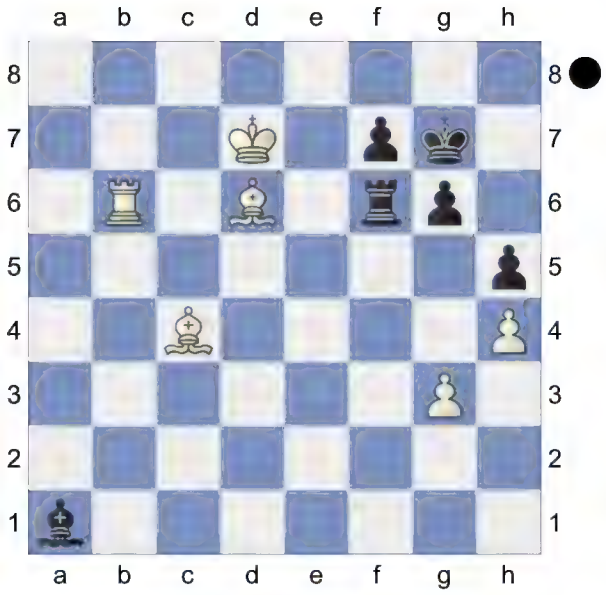

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56 **A16**
□ **Rakhmanov,Alexander** **2620**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2690**
Olympic Esports Final GpB blitz (4.4)
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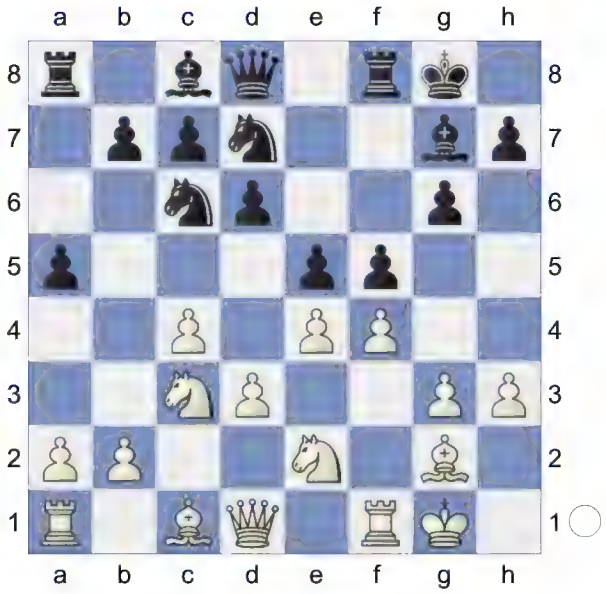

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12.Qd2 Nc5 13.Rae1N -0.15/21
[Vorgänger: 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Bg5 -1.08/19 *(14.Nd5!± 0.35/19* keeps the upper hand.) 14...Nxe2+∓ 15.Nxe2 Qxd3 16.Qxd3 Nxd3 17.exf5 -1.83/20 *(17.Nc3∓ -1.07/17)* 17...gxf5-+ 18.Rad1 e4 19.b3 -1.90/20 0-1 Rakhmanov,A (2632)-

Amin,B (2691) Olympic Esports Prelims blitz 2023 (3.2) *(19.g4∓ -1.52/17)* 19...c6 20.g4 Be5 21.Bh6 Rf6 22.Be3 Kh8 23.Bd4 Bxd4+ 24.Nxd4 Nc5 25.gxf5 Bd7 26.Rde1 Re8 27.Re3 Re5 28.Rf4 Bxf5 29.Kh2 Kg7 30.a3 Bg6 31.Rg4 Kh6 32.b4 axb4 33.axb4 Nd3 34.Bxe4 0-1 (37) Intro (2632)-Kostka,V (2691) 88/(286) Pardubice 2003 (3.2) Nf2 35.Rh4+ Kg7 36.Ne2 Rxe4 37.Rexe4 Nxe4 0-1 Rakhmanov,A (2632)-Amin,B (2691) Olympic Esports Prelims blitz 2023 (3.2)]

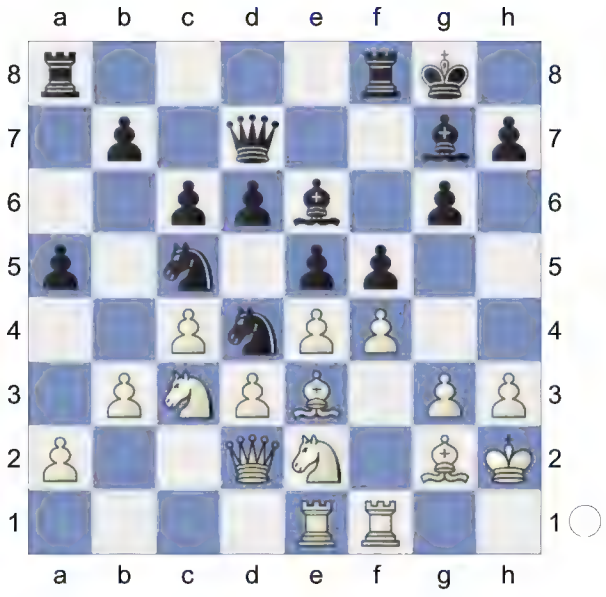
[13.fxe5± 0.38/21 dxe5 14.Nd5]

13...c6= 14.Kh2 Be6 0.12/21

[14...a4∓ -0.34/20]

15.b3 Qd7 0.57/22

[15...Rf7= 0.06/19]



16.Bg1 White leaves nothing to chance now. **16...Rae8** 1.25/20

[Black should play 16...Nxe2± 0.31/21 17.Nxe2 b6]

17.Nxd4± exd4 18.Ne2 fxe4 1.77/22

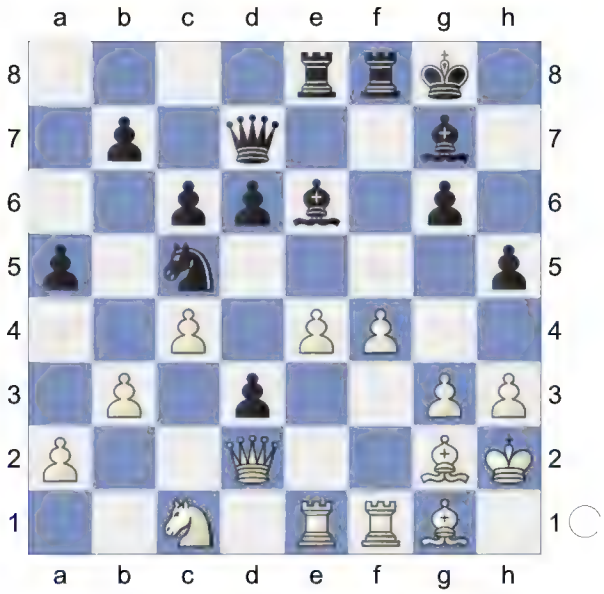
[18...a4± 1.36/21]

19.dxe4+-

[19.Bxd4 exd3 *(19...Nxd3? 20.Rd1∓)* 20.Bxg7 dxe2 *(20...Kxg7 21.Nd4=; 20...Qxg7 21.Ng1∓)* 21.Bxf8 exf1N+ *(21...exf1R? 22.Bxf1 Kxf8 23.Qxa5-+)* 22.Bxf1 Rxf8-+ *(22...Kxf8? 23.Qxa5 Bf7 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.Qb6-+)*]

19...d3 20.Nc1 h5 2.39/17

[⌓20...Rb8 1.94/20 21.Qxa5 *(21.Nxd3 Nxd3 22.Qxd3 b5+-)* 21...b5]



21.h4 b5 2.67/19

[⌓21...a4 1.78/19 22.Nxd3 Nxd3 23.Qxd3 Bh6]

22.cxb5

[22.Qxa5 bxc4 23.bxc4 Ra8= *(23...Bxc4 24.Bxc5 dxc5 25.Qd2=)*]

[22.Nxd3 Nxd3 23.Qxd3 bxc4 24.bxc4 Rd8±]

22...cxb5 23.Nxd3 Nxd3 24.Qxd3 b4 3.67/19

[24...Rc8 2.52/17 was necessary. 25.Rc1 d5]

25.Bd4 Bg4

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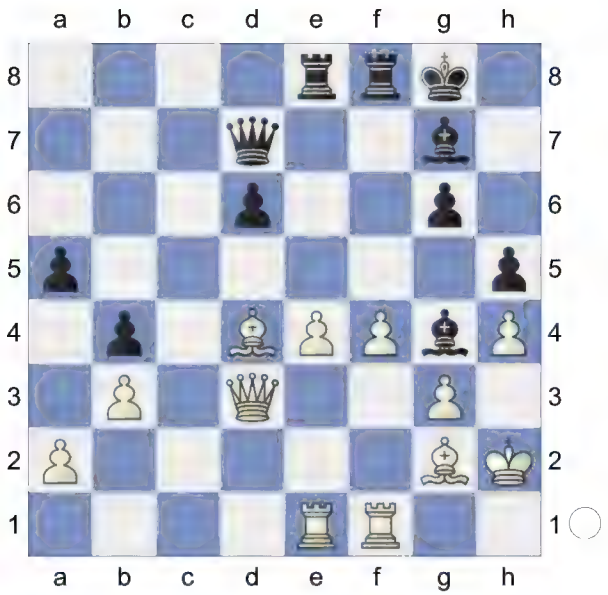
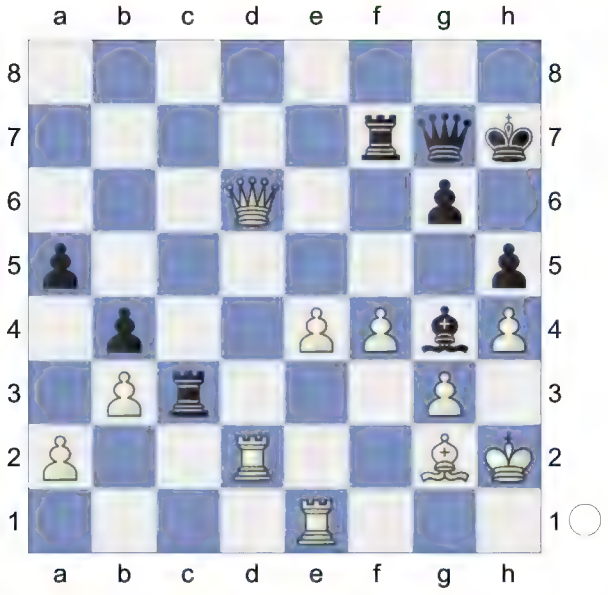
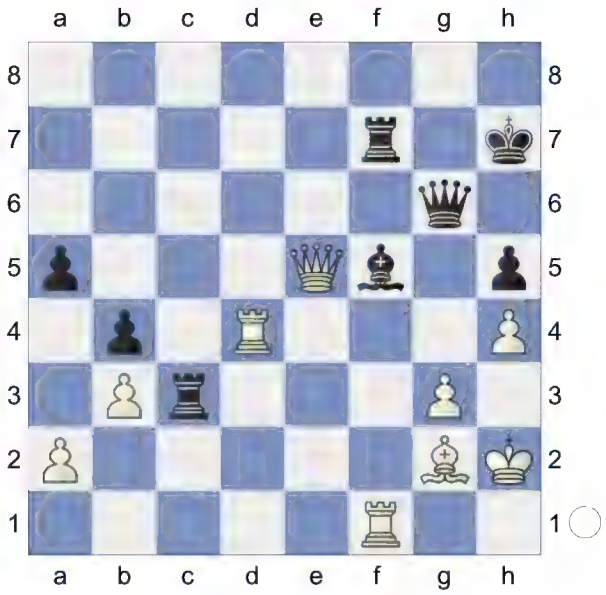


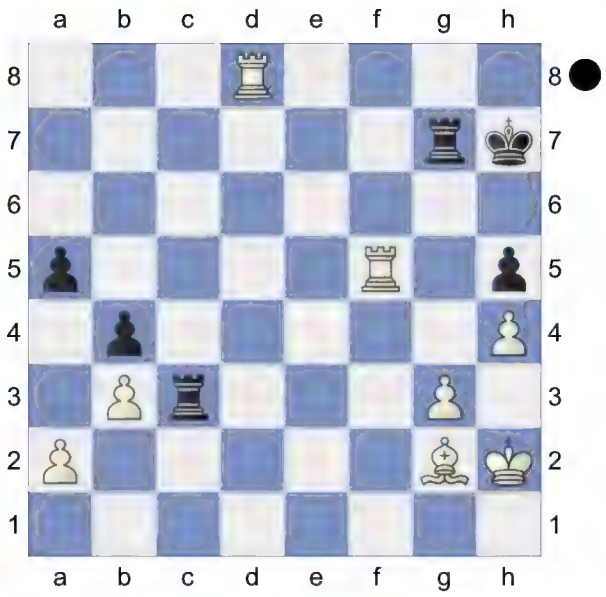
26.Bxg7 Qxg7 27.Rf2
[27.Qxd6 Rd8 28.Qb6 Qf6 29.Qxf6 *(29.Qxa5 Rd2±)* 29...Rxf6+-]
27...Kh7 28.Rd2 Rc8 29.Qd5 Rc3 30.Qxd6
[30.Qxa5 Rxg3 31.Rf1 *(31.Qxb4 Qf6∓* Double Attack; *31.Rxd6 Qc3±)* 31...Qc3±]
30...Rf7



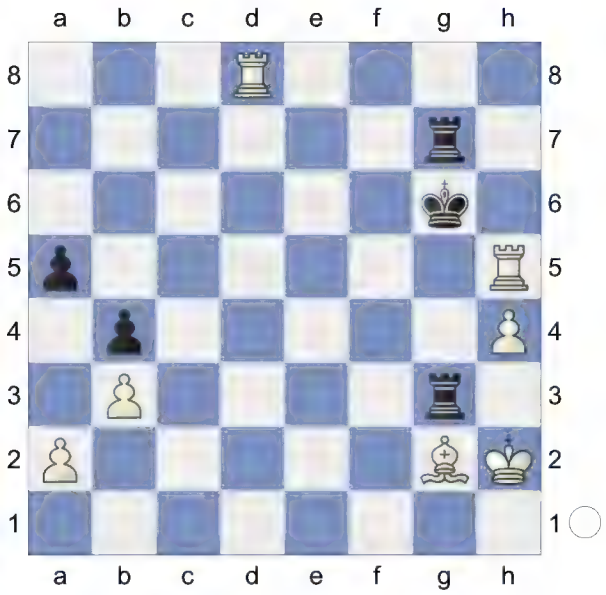
And now ...Rd7 would win. **31.f5! gxf5 32.exf5 Bxf5 33.Qe5 Qg6?** 4.86/19
[33...Qxe5 2.61/18 34.Rxe5 Bg6 35.Rxa5 Rfc7]
34.Rf1 Rxf5! would now be deadly. White is clearly winning.
[34.Qxa5 Qxg3+ *(34...Rxg3 35.Re8=)* 35.Kg1 Qxe1+ 36.Bf1 Rg7+ *(36...Qxd2 37.Qe5 Rc1 38.Qg3 Rxf1+* Remove Defender, Back Rank *39.Kxf1 Bh3+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *40.Kg1 Rf1#)* 37.Rg2 Rxg2+ 38.Kxg2 Qg3+ 39.Kh1 Be4+]
34...Qg4 7.48/21
[⌓34...Rc2 4.78/19]
35.Rd4
[35.Qxa5 Qxg3+ 36.Kh1 *(36.Kg1 Qe3+ 37.Kh2 Qxd2-+)* 36...Qxh4+ 37.Kg1 Qe7=]
35...Qg6



36.Rd6 Repels Qe6
[Stronger than 36.Qxa5 Rxg3 *(36...Qxg3+ 37.Kh1=)* 37.Rf2 Rg7 38.Qxf5 Rxg2+ 39.Kh1 Rg1+ 40.Kh2 Rg2+ 41.Kh1 Rg1+ 42.Kh2 Rg2+=]
36...Qg4 37.Rd8
[37.Qxa5? is the wrong capture. Qxg3+ *(37...Rxg3 38.Rd2∓)* 38.Kh1 Qxd6-+]
37...Rg7 38.Qxf5+ Qxf5 39.Rxf5

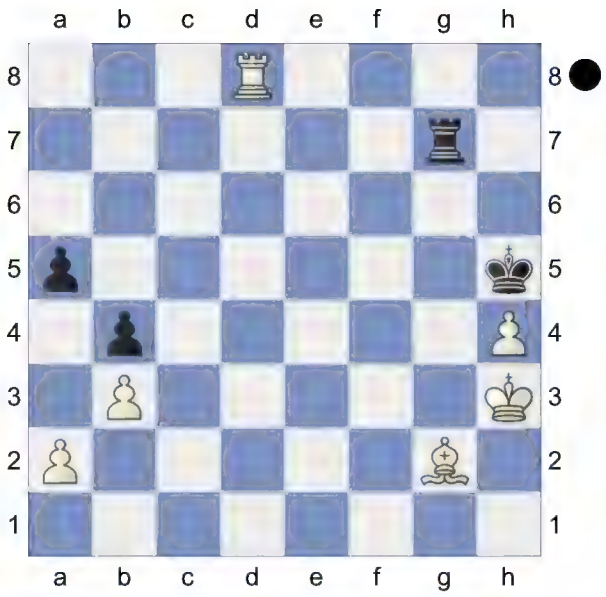


White threatens Be4 and mate.
39...Rcxg3 40.Rxh5+ Kg6



41.Kxg3 Kxh5+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.85
42.Kh3

(Diagram)



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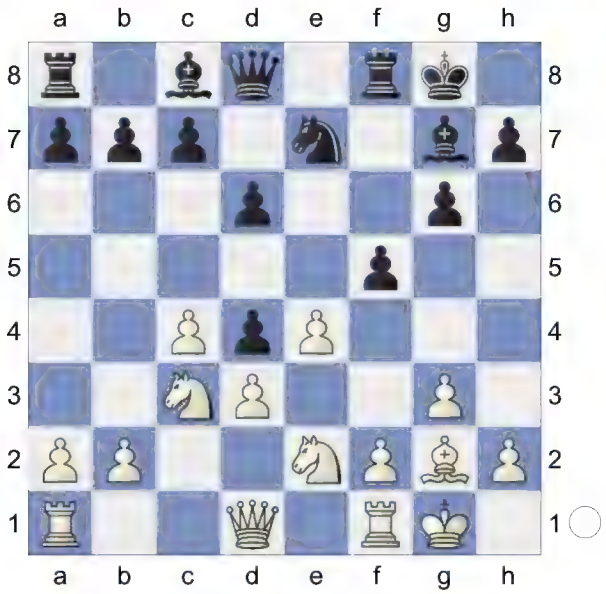
57 **A26**
□ **Psakhis,Lev** **2615**
■ **Moskalenko,Viktor** **2520**
Cap d'62/23 Agde 1994
[TA]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 d6

(Diagram)

6.e4 Nge7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 f5 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Bxd4 exd4



11.Nd5! c6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Qd2 -0.54/20

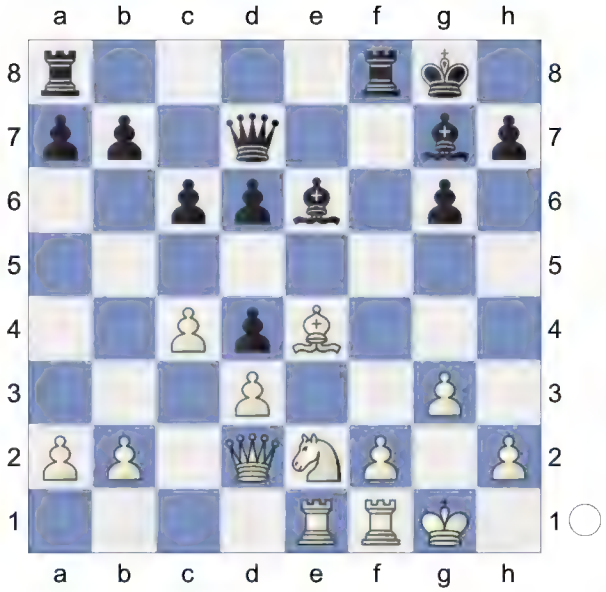
[13.exf5= -0.13/20 Bxf5 14.Qd2]

13...Be6 0.24/23

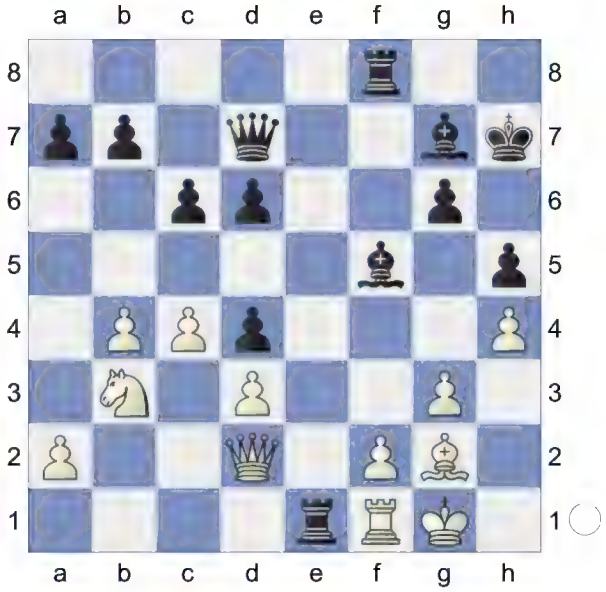
[Black should try 13...f4!∓ -0.54/20 14.Nxf4 *(14.gxf4 Bh6=)* 14...g5]

14.Rae1 fxe4 15.Bxe4 Qd7

[15...Bxc4 16.Nxd4 Be6 17.Bd5 cxd5 *(17...Bxd4? 18.Rxe6 Qf7 19.Rxg6+ hxg6 20.Bxf7+ Rxf7 21.Kg2+-)* 18.Nxe6±]



16.Bg2 Rae8 17.Nc1 Bf5 18.b4 h5 19.h4 Kh7 20.Nb3 Rxe1N

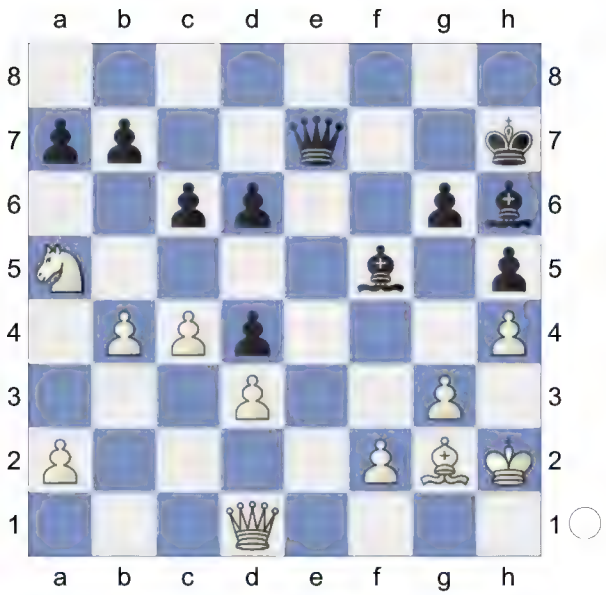


21.Rxe1 Re8 22.Rxe8 Qxe8 23.Kh2 Qe5 0.64/20

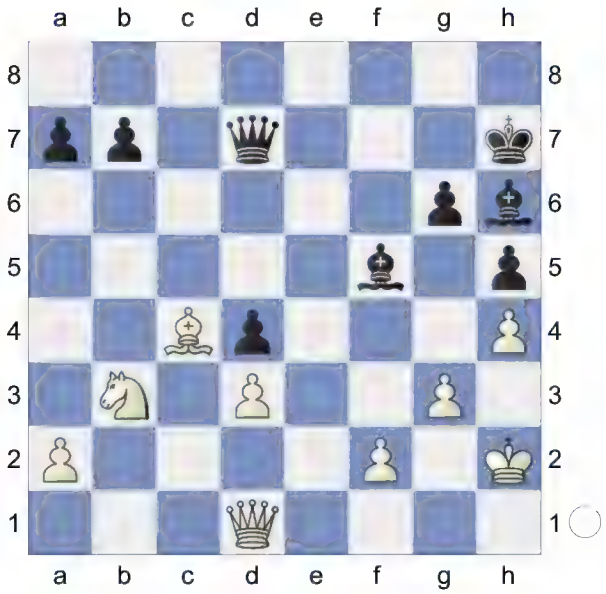
[23...Qe6= 0.24/21 was preferable.]

24.Na5 Bh6 25.Qd1 Qe7

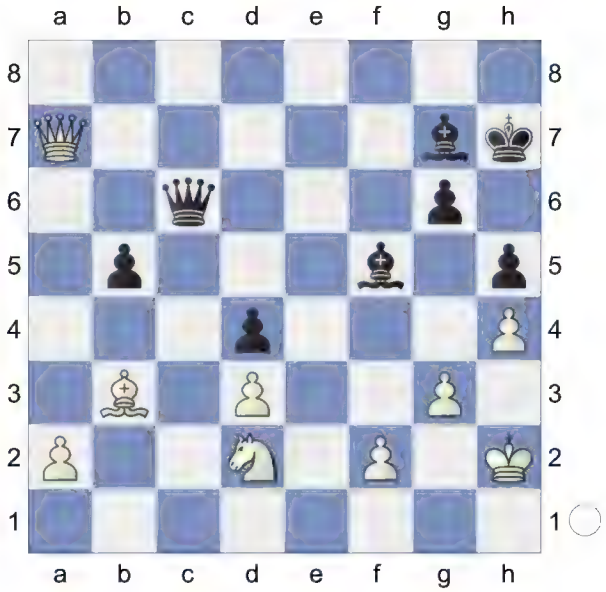
(Diagram)



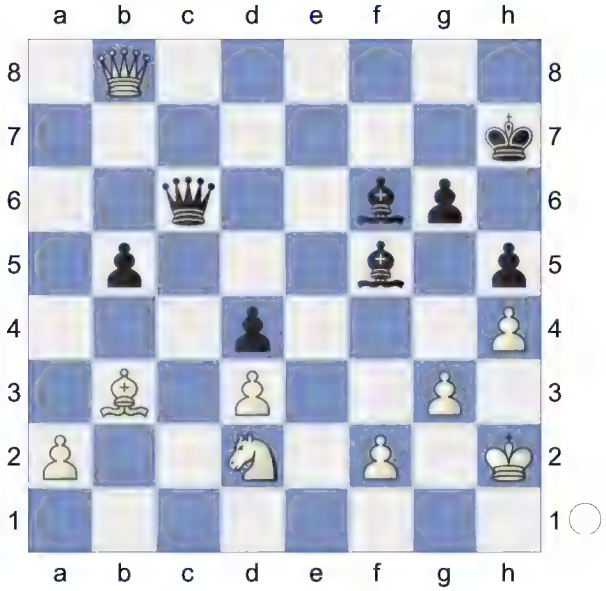
26.b5 cxb5 27.cxb5
[27.Nxb7? bxc4 28.Na5 cxd3-+ *(28...Bxd3? 29.Bd5-+)*]
27...d5! 28.Nb3
[28.Bxd5? too greedy. Qd8 29.Qf3 Qxa5-+]
28...Qb4 29.Bxd5 White wants to play Bc4. **29...Qxb5 30.Bc4 Qd7**



aiming for ...b5. **31.Qf3 b6** Prevents Nc5. **32.Qa8 Bg7 33.Nd2 Qc8 34.Qxa7**
[34.Qg2 a6 35.Ne4 Bxe4 36.Qxe4 Qf5 37.Qxf5 gxf5 38.Bxa6 f4 39.gxf4 Bf6 40.Kg3]
34...b5 35.Bb3 Qc6

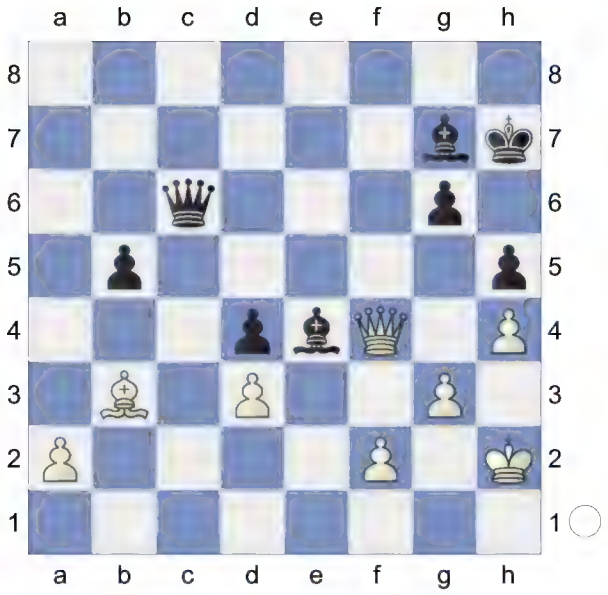


Wards off Nf3 **36.Qb8 Bf6** 0.94/22
[36...Qc8!± 0.45/26 37.Qxb5 Qc1]



37.Ne4 0.34/19 **Bxe4± 38.Qg8+ Kh6 39.Qf8+ Bg7! 40.Qf4+ Kh7**

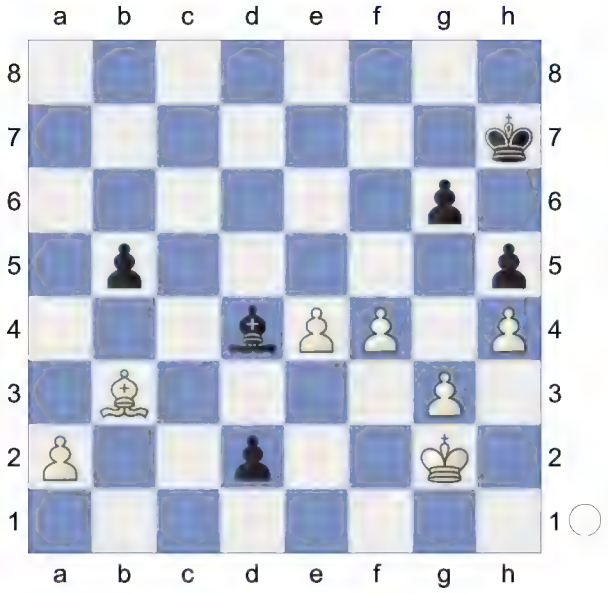
(Diagram)



41.dxe4= Endgame KQB-KQB. White is a pawn up.

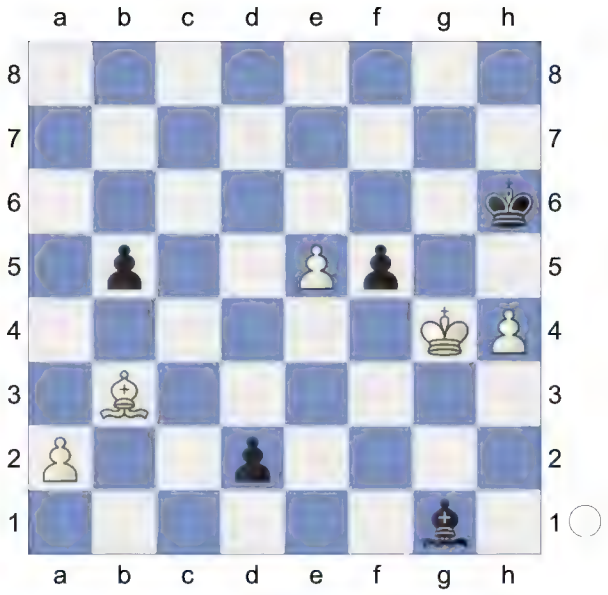
[41.Qxe4 simplifies Qxe4 42.dxe4 d3 43.Kg2]

41...d3! 42.Kg2 d2 43.Qf3 Qc3 44.Qxc3 Bxc3± KB-KB. White is a pawn up. 45.f4 Bd4



46.Kf3 Kg7 47.e5 Bg1 48.g4 hxg4+ The position is equal. **49.Kxg4 Kh6 50.f5 gxf5+**

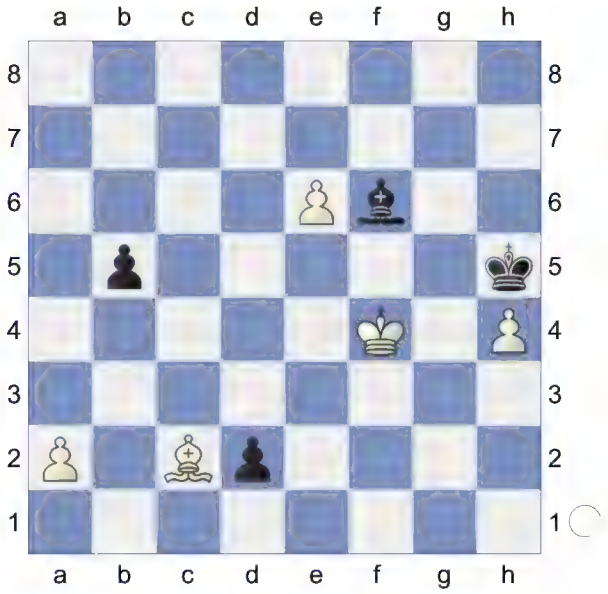
(Diagram)



51.Kxf5 Bf2 52.Kg4 Bd4 53.e6 Kg6 54.Kf4

[54.e7!? d1Q+□ 55.Bxd1=]

54...Bf6 55.Bc2+ Kh5



56.Ke4 Hoping for Kd5. **56...Bxh4 57.Kd5 Be7 58.Kc6**

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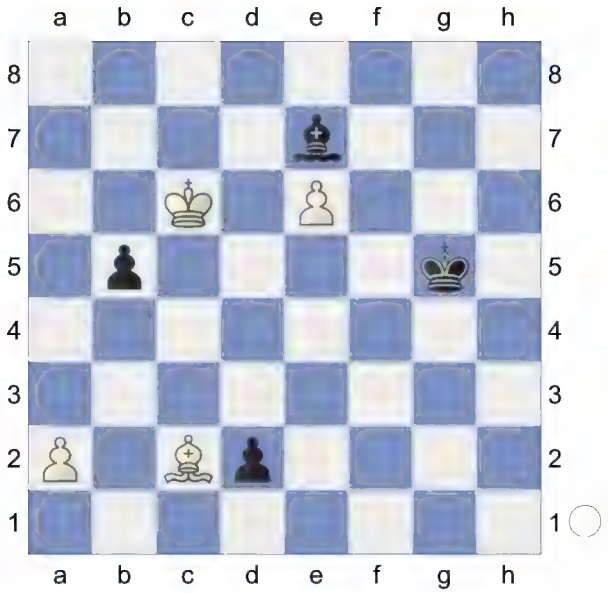
58...Kg5

(Diagram)



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58 **A26**
□ **Donchenko,Alexa** **2615**
■ **Galliamova,A** **2444**
Tal Memorial Blitz 2019 (6.19) 18.07.19
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 e5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.e4 d6

(Diagram)

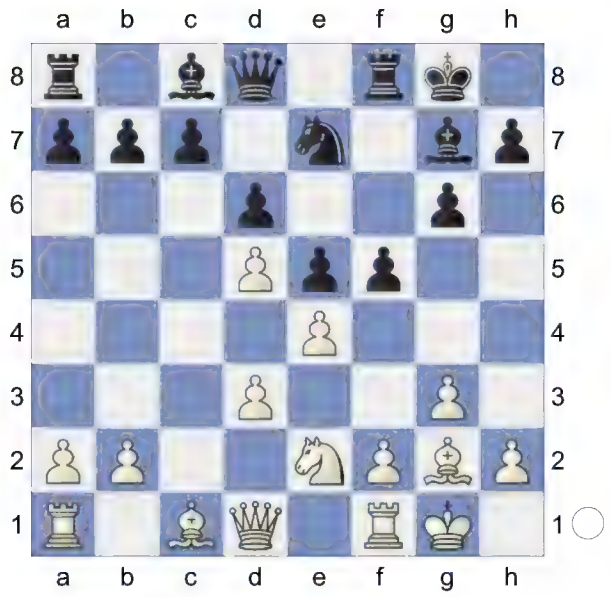
6.d3 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd5 Nxd5

[9...Kh8 10.Bg5 Rf7 11.Qd2 Qf8 12.Rac1 Ng8 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.b4 Nd4 15.b5 Bh3 16.Nxd4 Bxg2 17.Ne6 Qc8 18.Nd8 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Rd7 20.Ne6 a6 21.b6 c5 22.dxc6 bxc6 23.d4 h6 24.Be3 1-0 (79) Mikhailov,S (2556)-Surveyor,A (2606) USSR 36/(492) 1983 (3)]

[9...Nh5 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.Nec3 Be6 12.a4 Nd4 13.Nb5 c6 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Nf4 Nxf4 16.Bxf4 6) The Botvinnik Setup vs. ..-Botvinnik: 4...e5 with 6...f5 1.c4: Simplified 2024]

10.cxd5 Ne7

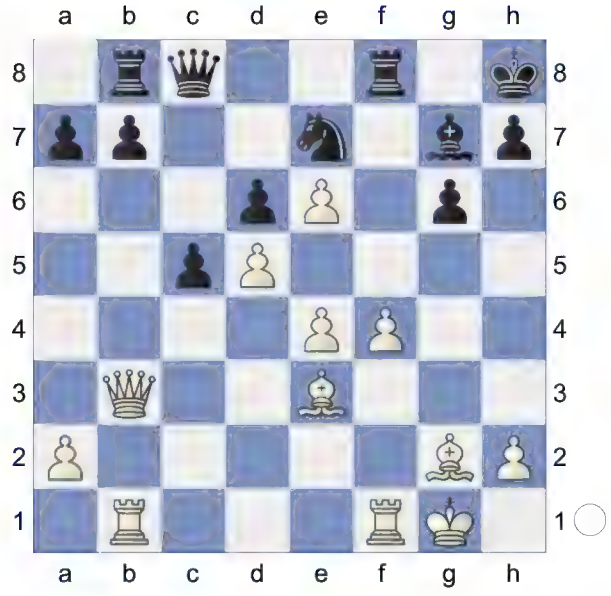
(Diagram)



11.Be3N
[11.f4 c6 12.Be3 cxd5 13.exd5 Kh8 14.Qd2 Ng8 15.h3 Nf6 16.Kh2 b6 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rae1 Qd7 19.Bf3 Qf7 20.Qg2 Ba6 21.Rd1 Rae8 22.Rfe1 h5 23.a4 Bxd3 24.Rxd3 e4 25.Rdd1 exf3 0-1 (36) 9.Bd3 Bb7 (2518)-Petrovic,V (2381) CRO-chT1A 25th 2016 (3) 26.Qxf3 Ne4 27.Nxe4 Rxe4 28.Bf2 Rfe8 29.b3 Kh7 30.h4 Bd4 31.Rxd4 Rxe1 32.Bxe1 Rxe1 33.Rc4 Qe7 34.Kh3 Kh6 35.Qc3 Rh1+ 36.Kg2 Qe2+ 0-1 9.♗d3 ♗b7_70176 (2518)-Petrovic,V (2381) CRO-chT1A 25th 2016 (3)]
11...f4 0.95/19 **12.gxf4± exf4** 1.75/17
[12...c6± 0.72/18]
13.Nxf4+- White is clearly better.
13...Bxb2 14.Rb1 Bg7 15.d4 1.20/19
[White should try 15.Kh1+- 1.78/21]
15...c6±

(Diagram)

16.Ne6 White is more active. **16...Bxe6**
17.dxe6 Qc8 2.06/19
[17...b6± 1.16/18]
18.Qb3 Rb8 19.d5 A mistake that costs the game. **19...c5** 2.54/20
[19...cxd5± 1.24/15 was called for. 20.exd5 b6]
20.f4 Kh8



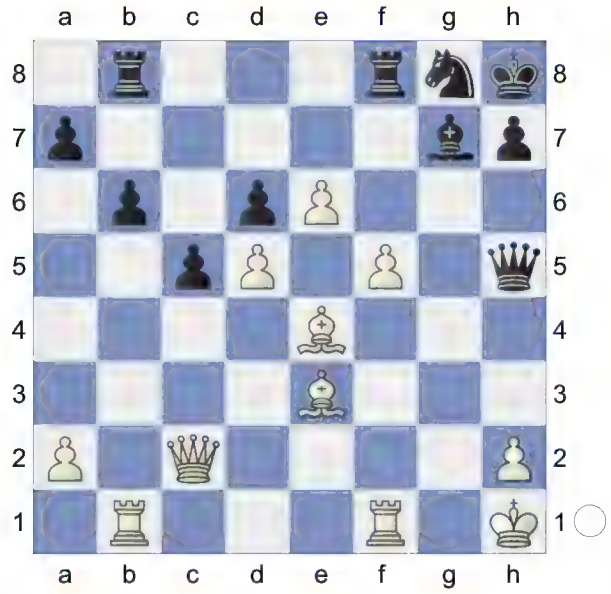
21.Qc2 b6 22.f5 Black is weak on the light squares **22...Qe8** 3.18/22
[⌓22...gxf5 1.85/18 23.exf5 Qe8]
23.Kh1
[Much less strong is 23.Bf4 Rd8

24.Rb3 gxf5+-]

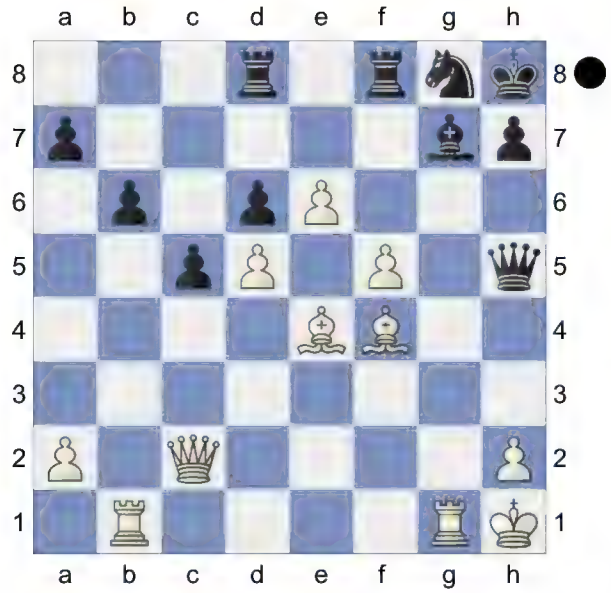
23...gxf5 24.exf5 Qh5 25.Be4 Ng8

3.07/17

[⌓25...Be5 1.89/18 26.Rbe1 Ng8]



26.Bf4+- Rbd8 27.Rg1



Rxg7! would now be deadly. **27...Bh6**

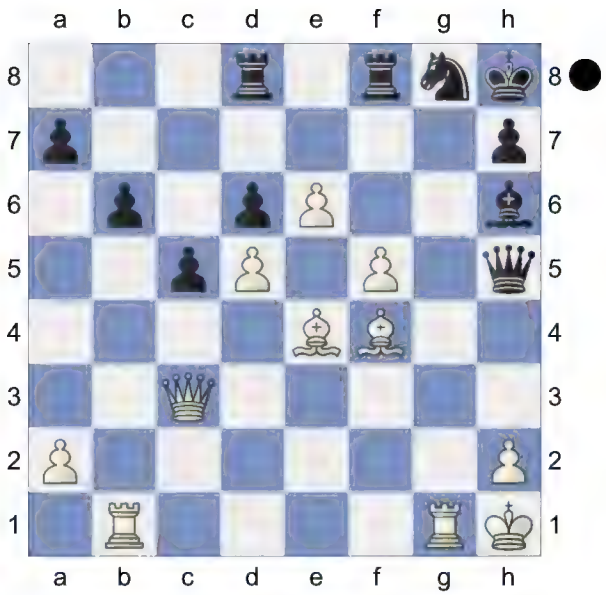
7.13/22

[27...Bf6 3.03/20 28.Rbf1 Ne7]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.88

28.Qc3+

(Diagram)



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59 **A26**

□ **Chernin,Alexander** **2600**

■ **Mainka,Romuald** **2550**

55/82 Polanica Zdroj 1992

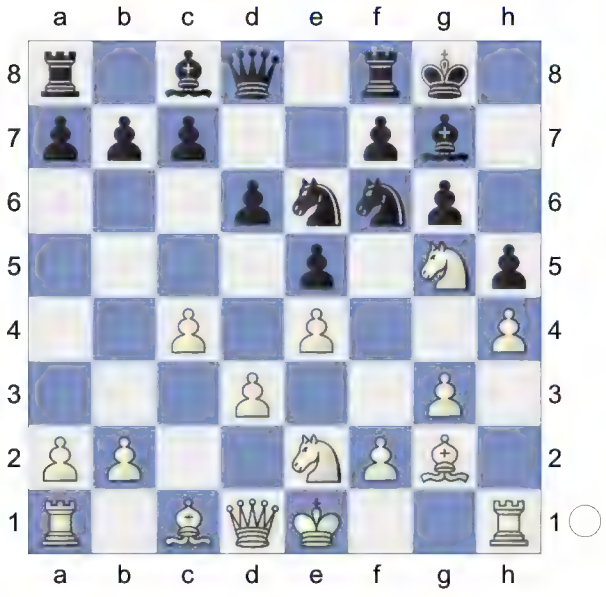
[TA]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

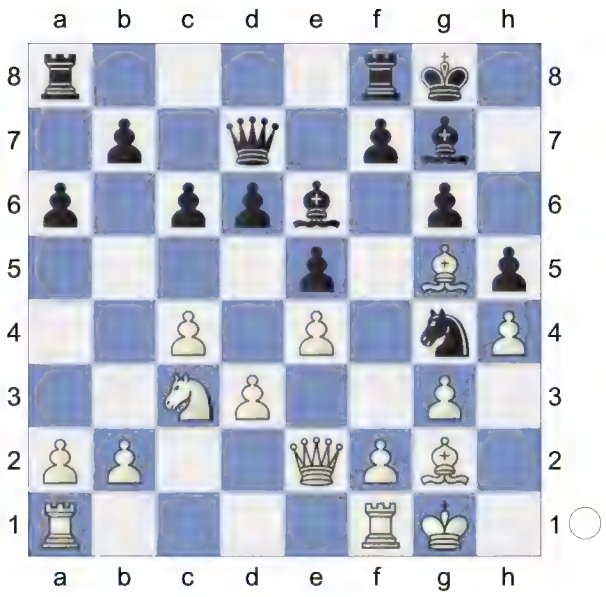
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6

(Diagram)

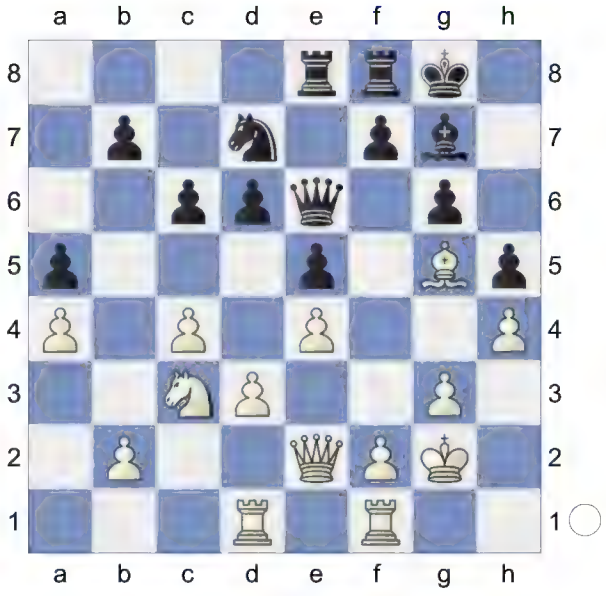
6.d3 h5 7.h4 Nd4 8.Nce2 Ne6 9.Nf3 Nf6 10.Ng5 -0.22/17
[10.b4!± 0.39/19]
10...0-0 0.21/19
[⌓10...a5 -0.22/17]



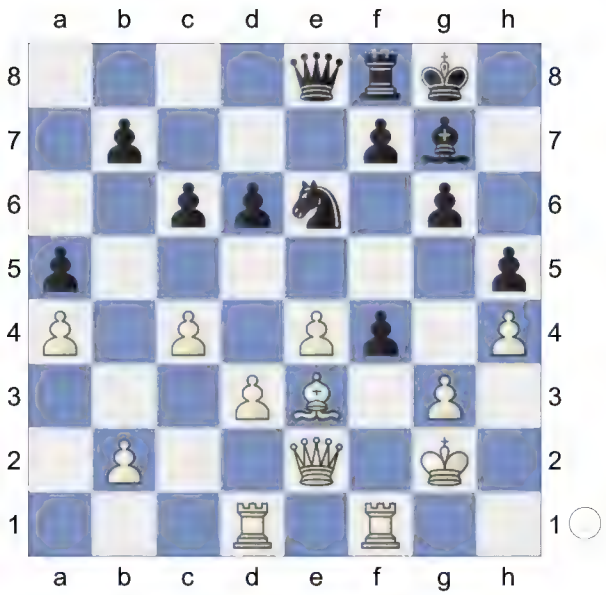
11.Nxe6 -0.32/19
[11.b4!= 0.21/19]
11...Bxe6∓ 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.0-0 Ng4 14.Nc3 -0.45/20
[14.Rc1= 0.09/18]
14...c6 15.Qe2 a6
(Diagram)



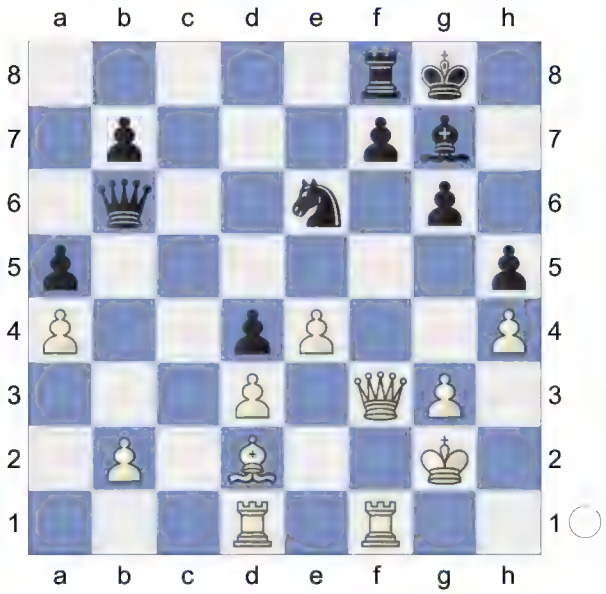
16.a4 a5 17.Bh3 Nf6 0.09/20
[17...f5∓ -0.31/20]
18.Bxe6= Qxe6 19.Kg2 Nd7 20.Rad1 Rae8? 1.78/20
[20...f6= -0.22/19 and Black is okay. 21.Bd2 Rae8]



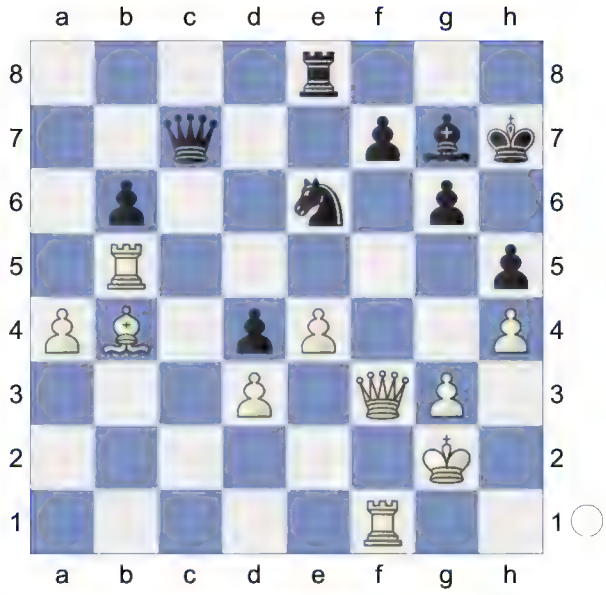
21.Nd5!+- Nc5N
[21...cxd5? 22.cxd5 Qg4 23.f3+-]
[21...f6 22.Nc7]
22.Nc7 Qd7 23.Nxe8 Qxe8 24.Be3 Ne6 25.f4 exf4
(Diagram)



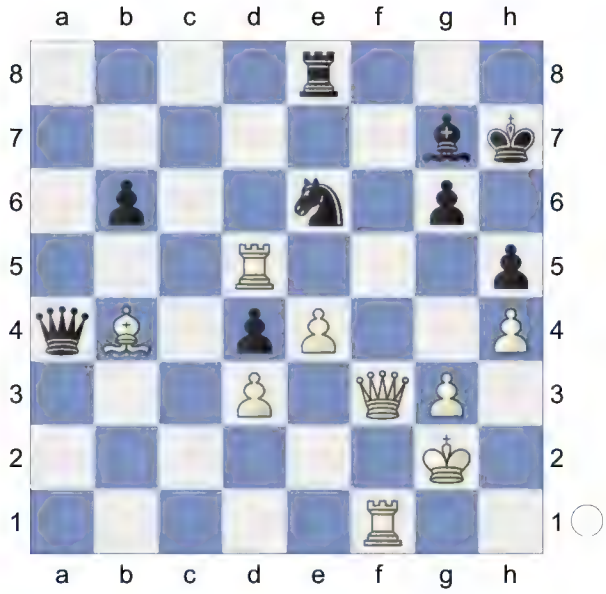
26.Bxf4 1.09/22
[White should play 26.gxf4+- 1.67/20 Strongly threatening f5. f5 27.Kh1]
26...Qd8 27.Be3 d5? 2.88/19
[27...c5± 1.18/19 28.Qd2 b6]
28.cxd5 cxd5 29.Qf3 d4 2.37/21
[⌓29...dxe4 1.81/18 30.dxe4 Qe8]
30.Bd2 Qb6



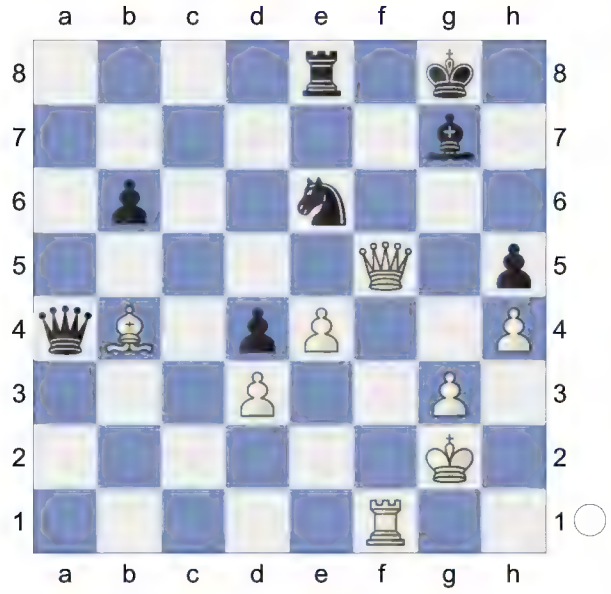
31.b4 axb4 32.Rb1 1.15/20 White is more active.
[⌓32.Rc1 1.56/18]
32...Qc7 2.48/20
[32...b3± 1.15/20]
33.Rxb4 b6 34.Rb5 Kh7? 4.74/18
[34...Ra8 2.30/18 keeps fighting. 35.Rb4 Bf8]
35.Bb4 White is clearly winning.
35...Re8 6.72/18
[⌓35...Rc8 4.74/22 36.Qxf7 Qc2+ 37.Rf2 Qd1]



36.Qxf7 Qc6 37.Qf3 Qd7 6.49/19
[⌓37...Nc7 4.45/17 38.Rg5 Ne6 39.Rxh5+ gxh5 40.Qxh5+ Kg8 41.Qf7+ Kh8]
38.Rd5 Qxa4



39.Rxh5+! Deflection **39...gxh5 40.Qf5+ Kg8**



41.Qf7+ Kh7

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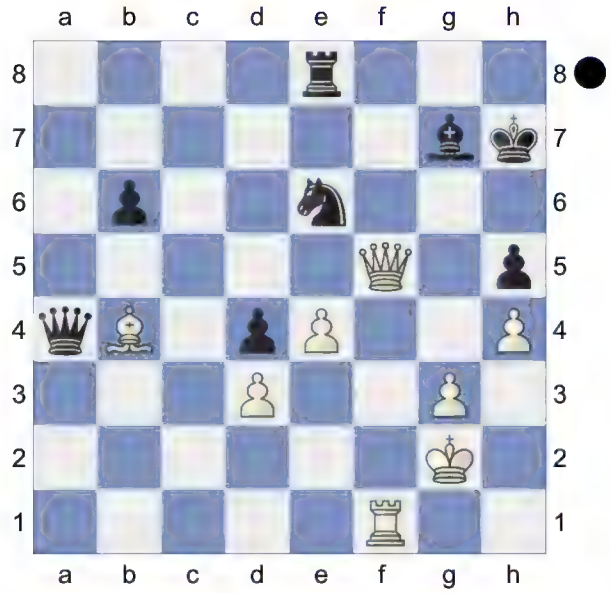
42.Qf5+



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60 **A26**

□ **Huebner,Robert** **2595**

■ **Spassky,Boris Vasilievich** **2640**

Montreal International (16) 02.05.1979

[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 f5

6.e4 Nc6 7.Nge2 Nh6 8.Nd5

[8.h4 Nf7 9.h5 g5 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.Bd5 h6 12.Be3 Qd7 13.Qb3 Nd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.Qxb7 0-0 16.Bc6 Qe6 17.Bd5 Qf6 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Rab8 20.Qd5 Rxb2 21.f4 Kh8 22.c5 dxc5 ½-½ (46) Pina,J (2640)-4.Nc3 a6 5.Bg5 (2590) USSR 12/124 1971 (6)]

8...0-0 9.0-0N

[9.h4 Nf7 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Qd2 Nxe2 12.Qxe2 c6 13.Nc3 f4 14.Bd2 Nh6 15.f3 fxg3 16.Bg5 Qe8 17.Be3 Nf7 18.0-0-0 Nd8 19.Qe1 Ne6 20.Qxg3 Nf4 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.Qf2 h5 23.d4 Be6 1-0 (34) Gruskovnjak,T (2594)-Deschamps,Q (2619) Chess

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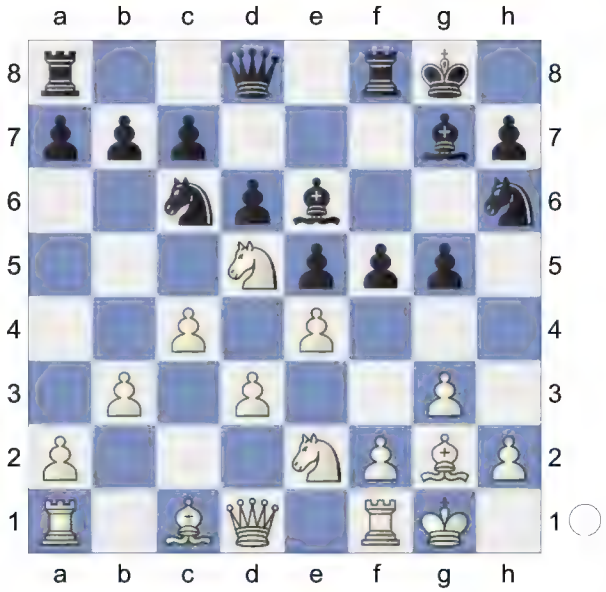
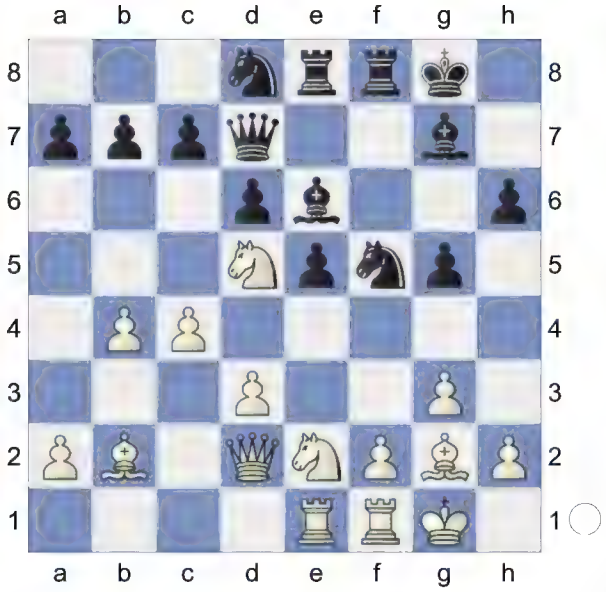
9...Be6 10.b3 g5



11.exf5 Nxf5 12.Bb2 White has an edge. **12...Qd7 13.Qd2 h6 14.Rae1 Rae8 15.b4 Nd8**



16.b5 c6 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Nb4 Qc7 0.22/17

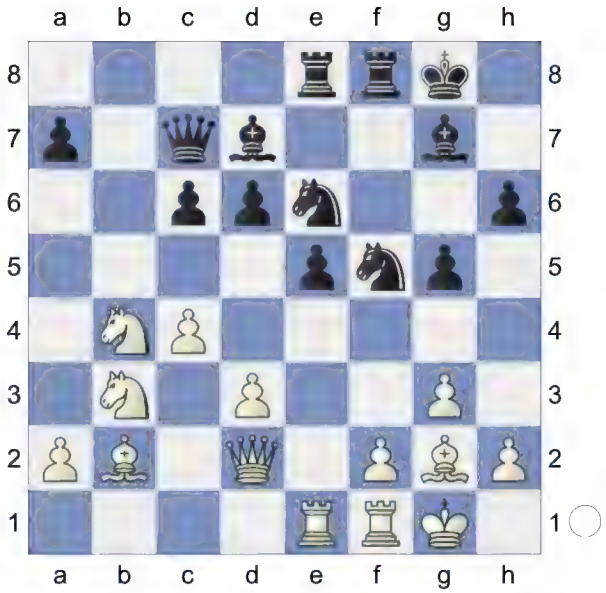
[⌓18...Nd4 -0.27/20 19.Nxd4 exd4]

19.Nc1 -0.25/20

[⌓19.Nc2 0.22/17]

19...Bd7= 20.Nb3 Ne6 0.28/18

[20...g4 -0.23/19]



21.Nc2 -0.19/20

[21.Qd1! 0.28/18]

21...Qb6 0.27/17

[⌓21...g4 -0.19/20]

22.Ba3 -0.22/20

[22.Ne3 0.27/17]

22...Qd8 0.46/21

[22...c5= -0.22/20]

23.Rb1 -0.07/19

[23.Ne3± 0.46/21]

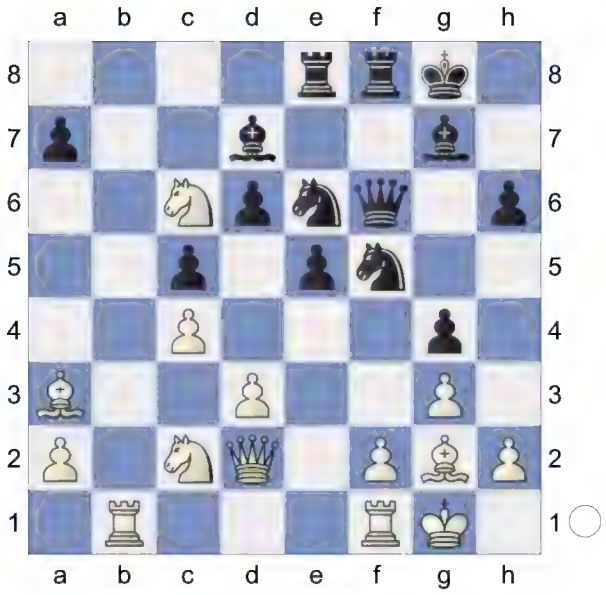
23...g4 24.Na5 -0.63/18

[24.Ne3= -0.16/19]

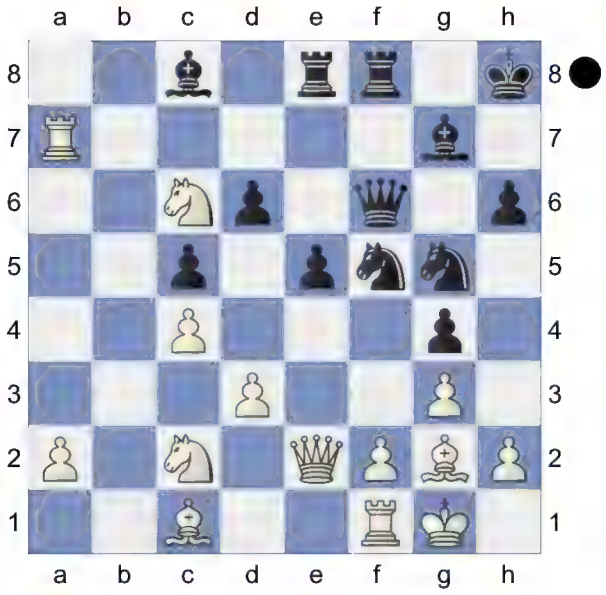
24...c5∓ 25.Nc6 Qf6 0.12/21

[25...Qc7∓ -0.57/20 26.Qa5 Qxa5 *(26...Bxc6 27.Qxc7 Bxg2 28.Qxa7±)* 27.Nxa5 Ned4 28.Nxd4 Nxd4]

(Diagram)

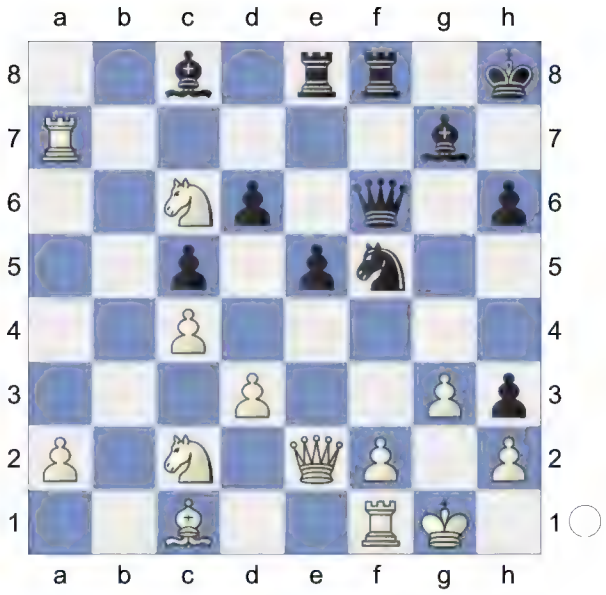


26.Rb7 -0.24/20
[26.Qd1! 0.12/21 might be stronger.]
26...Bc8= 27.Rxa7 Ng5! 28.Qe2 Kh8 29.Bc1!
[29.Qxg4? Nd4 30.Qh5 Nxc2-+]



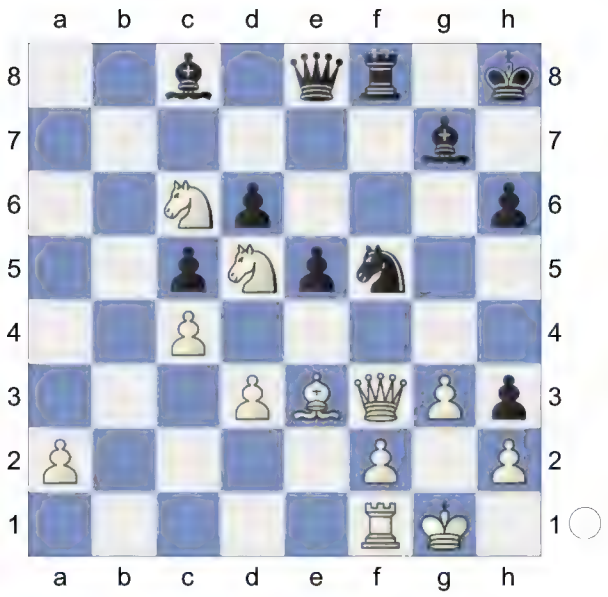
29...Nh3+ 30.Bxh3 -0.74/19
[30.Kh1= 0.06/22 keeps the balance.]
30...gxh3∓

(Diagram)



31.Qf3 Rf7
[31...Qe6 is interesting. 32.Qd5 e4 33.dxe4 Qxe4 34.Ne3 Nxe3 35.Bxe3 Bg4]
32.Ne3 Ref8 Threatens to win with ... Nd4. **33.Nd5! Qg6** 0.01/20
[Black should play 33...Nd4!∓ -0.63/21 34.Qxf6 Bxf6 35.Nxf6 *(35.Rxf7 Ne2+ 36.Kh1 Rxf7∓)* 35...Ne2+ 36.Kh1 Rxf6]
34.Rxf7 Qxf7 35.Be3? -3.11/22
[35.g4= 0.00/19 and White is okay. Nh4 36.Qxf7 *(36.Qxh3 Qh5=)* 36...Rxf7 37.f4]
35...Qe8-+

(Diagram)



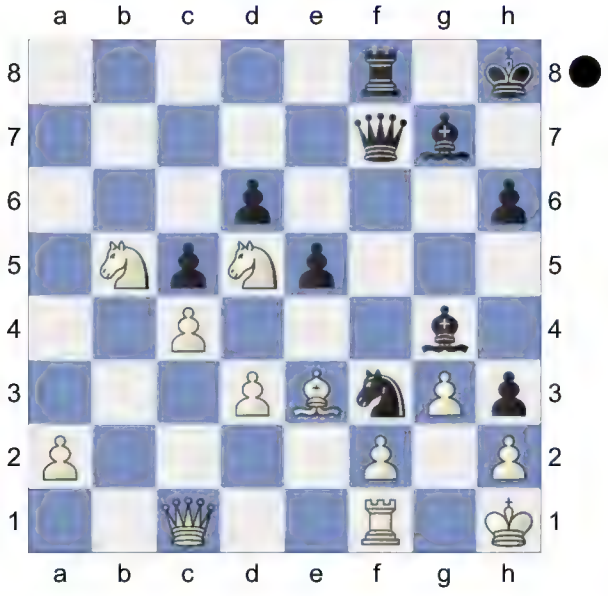
36.Na7 Nd4 37.Qd1 and Bxd4 would now be decisive

[Not 37.Qe4? Bf5-+]

37...Nf3+ 38.Kh1 Bg4 39.Qc1? -5.10/18

[39.Nb5 -3.11/17 Nxh2 Discovered Attack 40.Kxh2 Bxd1 41.Rxd1]

39...Qf7 Black is clearly winning. **40.Nb5**



Nd2!

(Diagram)

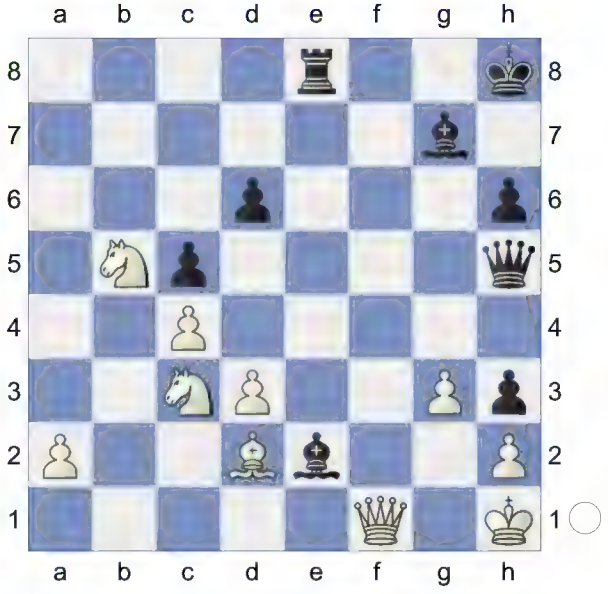
Clearance **41.f4**

[41.Bf4 Nxf1]

41...Nxf1 42.Qxf1 Qh5 43.Ndc3 exf4 44.Bxf4 Re8 45.Bd2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.16 (very precise)

45...Be2



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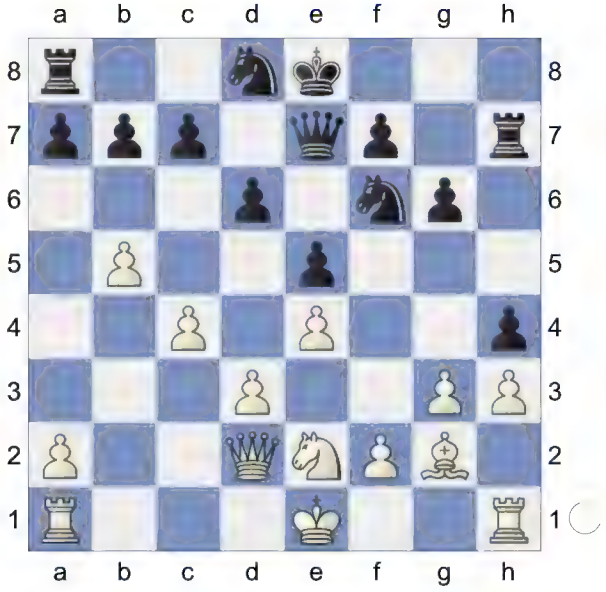
61 **A26**
□ **Bronstein,David Ionovich** **2590**
■ **Jansa,Vlastimil** **2540**
Hastings 7576 (7) 05.01.1976
[TA]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6

6.e4 h5 7.Nf3 0.00/21
[7.h3± 0.49/17]
7...Bg4= 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3
The position is equal. **9...h4 10.Ne2 Bh6**

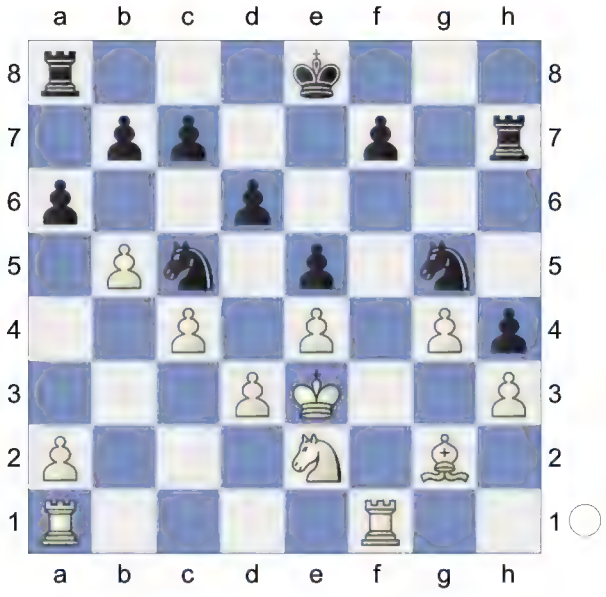
(Diagram)

11.Bxh6 Rxh6 12.Qd2 Rh7 0.11/21
[12...Qf6!∓ -0.31/20 13.Bg2 a5]
13.Bg2 Nf6 14.b4 Qe7 15.b5N -0.19/19
[⌓15.g4 0.21/18]
[15.0-0]
15...Nd8



16.g4 Ne6 17.f4 g5! 18.fxg5 -0.36/21
[18.f5!= 0.27/21 Nc5 19.Rd1]
18...Nd7∓ 19.Rf1 -0.76/21
[19.0-0= 0.00/20]
19...Qxg5∓ 20.Qxg5 Nxg5
(Diagram)

21.Kd2 Nc5 22.Ke3 a6



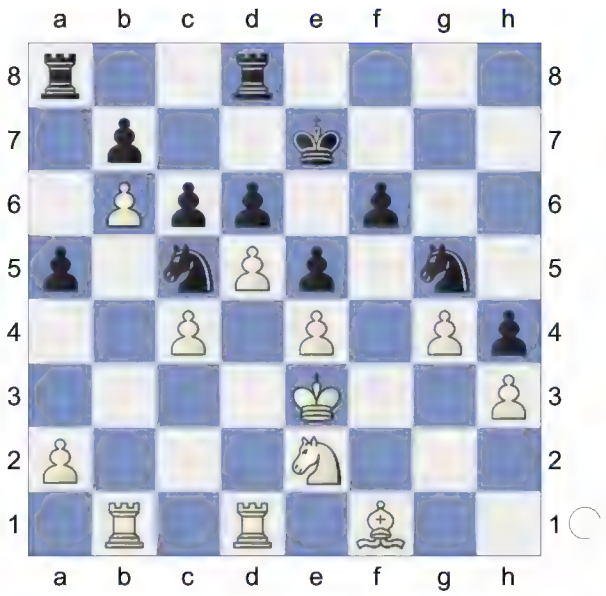
23.b6 c6 24.d4 Nd7 25.Rab1 Ke7

(Diagram)

26.Rf5 f6 27.Rff1 Rhh8 28.Rfd1 Rhd8 29.Bf1 a5 -0.32/19

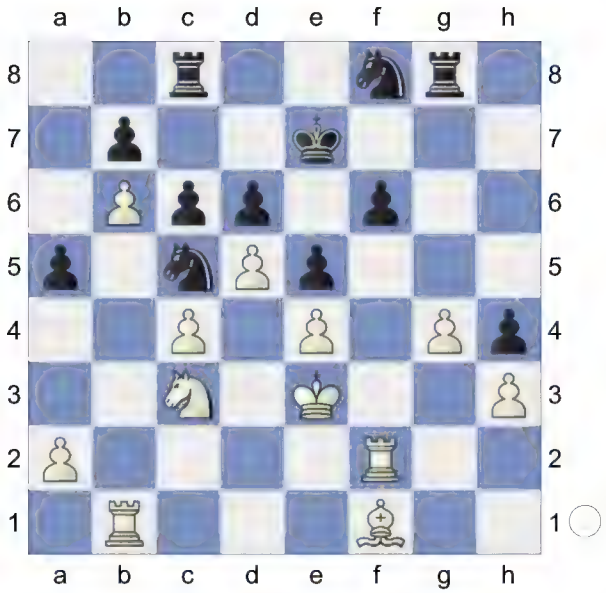
[29...Rac8∓ -0.91/20]

30.d5!∓ Nc5

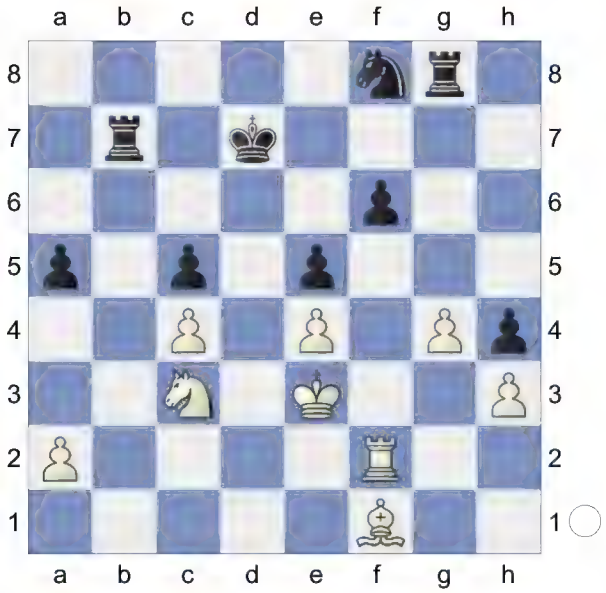


31.Nc3 Rab8 32.Rd2 Nh7 Excellent horsemanship. **33.Nd1 Rg8 34.Rf2 Rbc8 35.Nc3 Nf8**

(Diagram)



36.dxc6 -0.77/17
[36.Rf5= -0.15/17 remains equal.]
36...bxc6∓ 37.b7 Rb8 38.Rb6 Rxb7
39.Rxc6 -1.70/24
[39.Rxb7+∓ -0.64/22 Nxb7 40.Rb2]
39...Kd7-+ 40.Rxc5 dxc5



41.Rxf6 Ne6

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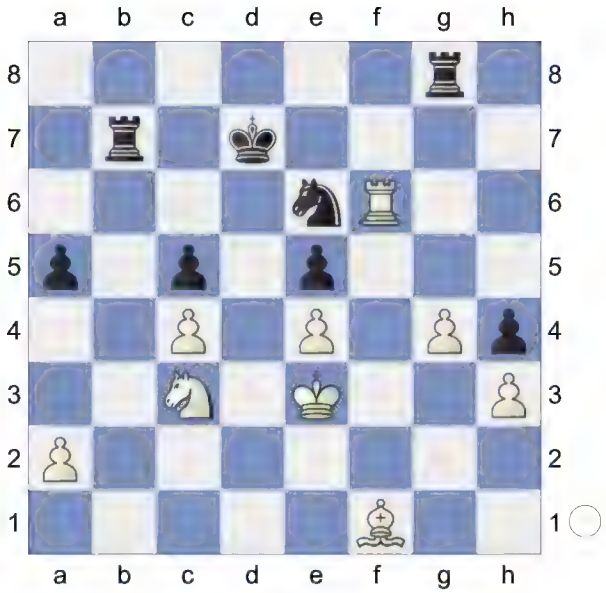
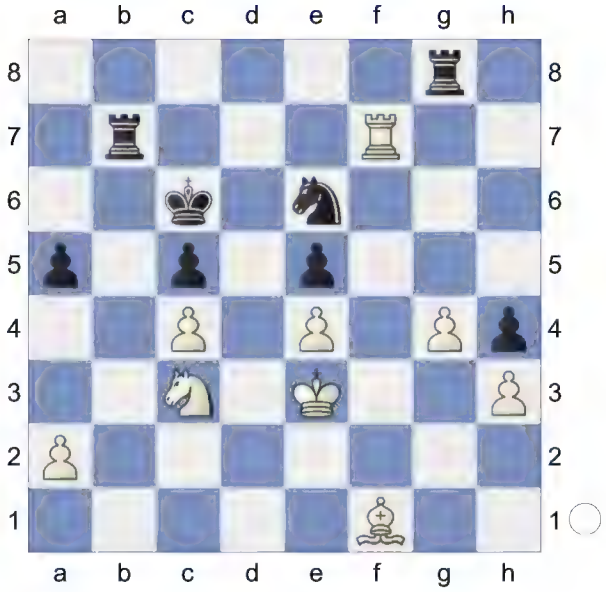


42.Rf7+ Kc6 43.Rf6 Kd7 and ...Rf8 should not be overlooked **44.Rf7+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
44...Kc6



Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
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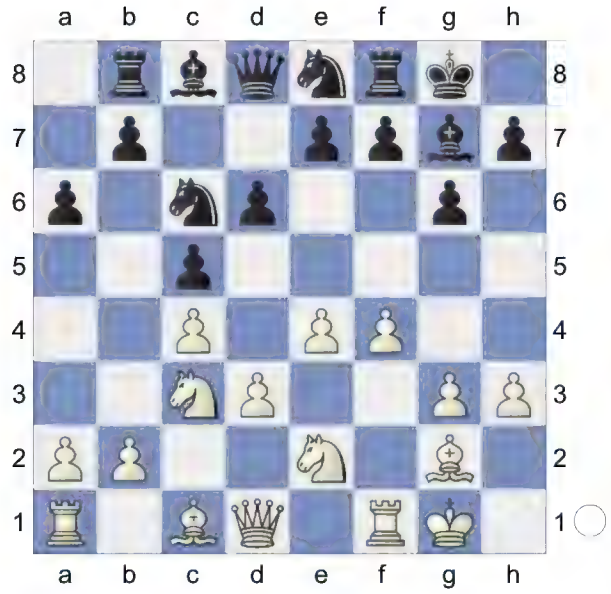
62 **A36**
□ **Pranav,V** **2588**
■ **Ajay Krishna,S** **2388**
29th Abu Dhabi Masters (1.21) 16.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

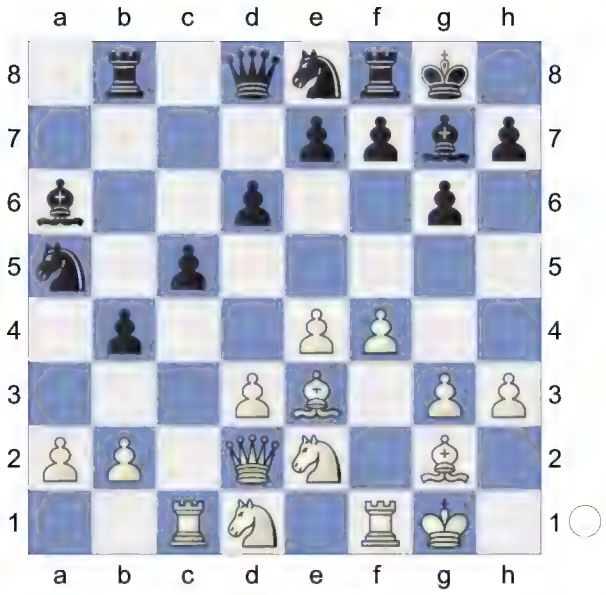
A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
Inf 63/41 **1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 Nf6**

6.e4 a6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.h3 Rb8 10.f4 Ne8



10...Nd7 is becoming the main line. 10...Sd7 wird zur Hauptvariante. **11.Be3 b5**
[11...Nd4 12.g4 b5 13.Ng3 bxc4 14.Qd2 cxd3 15.Rf2 Nc2 16.Raf1 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxb2 18.Nd1 Bd4 19.Qxd3 Bxf2+ 20.Nxf2 Qb6 21.f5 a5 22.g5 Ba6 0-1 Dias,M (1898)-Do Nascimento,C (2133) Niteroi op 3rd 2023 (6)]
12.Qd2 Na5N
[12...Nd4 13.Rac1 Nxe2+ 14.Qxe2 Nc7 15.b3 Ne6 16.Qf2 Nd4 17.Ne2 Qb6 18.Nxd4 cxd4 19.Bd2 bxc4 20.Rxc4 Bd7 21.Rb4 Qa7 22.Rxb8 Rxb8 23.Rc1 a5 24.Be1 a4 25.b4 a3 26.Bf1 e5 27.Qc2 ½-½ (88) Barcza,G-Nezhmetdinov,R Chigorin mem 1964 (13) Be6 28.Bd2 Bf6 29.Qc7 Qxc7 30.Rxc7 Ra8 31.b5 Bd8 32.Rc6 Bxa2 33.b6 Be6 34.b7 Rb8 35.Ra6 a2 36.f5 Bb3 37.Ra8 Bc7 38.f6 Kf8 39.Be2 h5 40.g4 h4 41.g5 Be6 42.Bg4 0-1 (88) Barcenilla,R (2450)-Miles,A (2615) Calcutta 1995]
13.cxb5 The position is equal. **13...axb5**
14.Rac1 -0.63/17
[14.f5= -0.04/19]
14...b4∓ 15.Nd1 Ba6

(Diagram)



16.b3 Nc7 17.Nf2N
[Vorgänger: 17.Rf2 Nc6 18.e5! Na5 0.43/19 *(18...Qd7= -0.22/21)* 19.d4? -1.22/21 *(19.exd6± 0.43/19 exd6 20.f5)* 19...c4∓ 20.bxc4 Nxc4 21.Qe1 Qd7 22.Rb1 Qa4 -1.03/15 *(⌓22...dxe5 -1.51/18 23.fxe5 Ne6)* 23.Nc1∓ dxe5 -0.30/19 *(23...Rfc8∓ -1.06/18 24.Nb3 Qd7)* 24.dxe5 1-0 Ordonez Gonzalez,G (1909)-Gonzalez Parejo,R (2238) Soacha op-A 2021 (1)]
17...Nb5 18.f5 Nc6 19.Ng4 Ne5 0.03/20
[19...Nc3!∓ -0.39/20]
20.Nxe5 Bxe5

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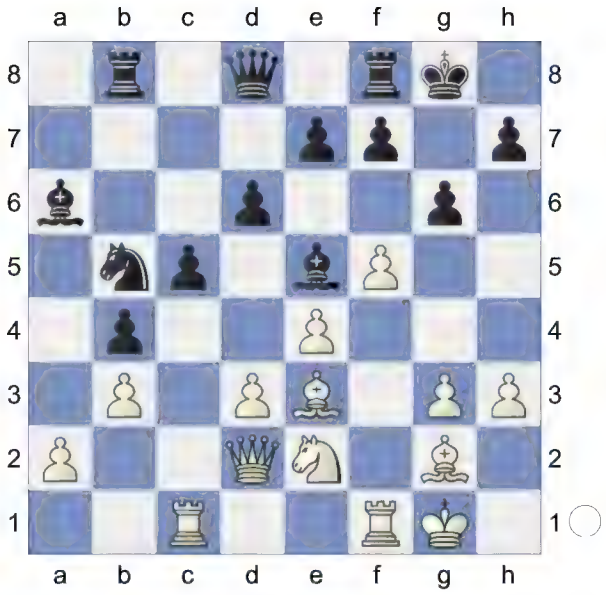
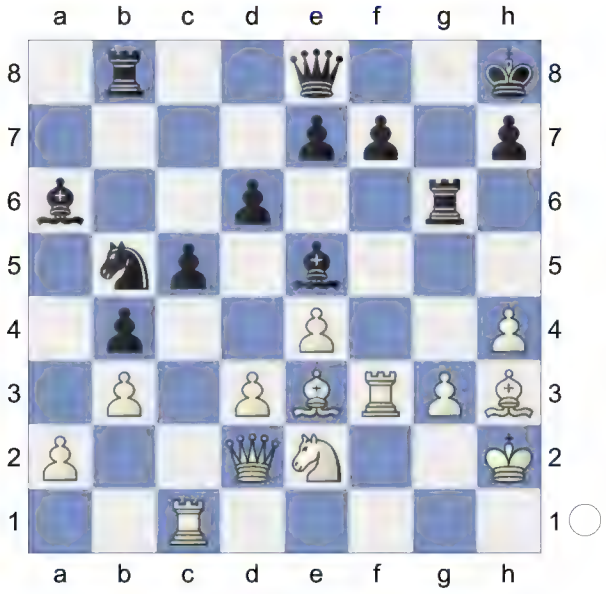
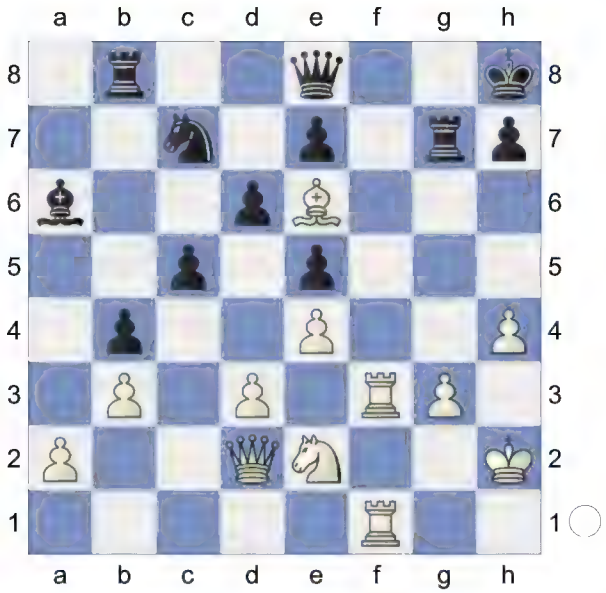


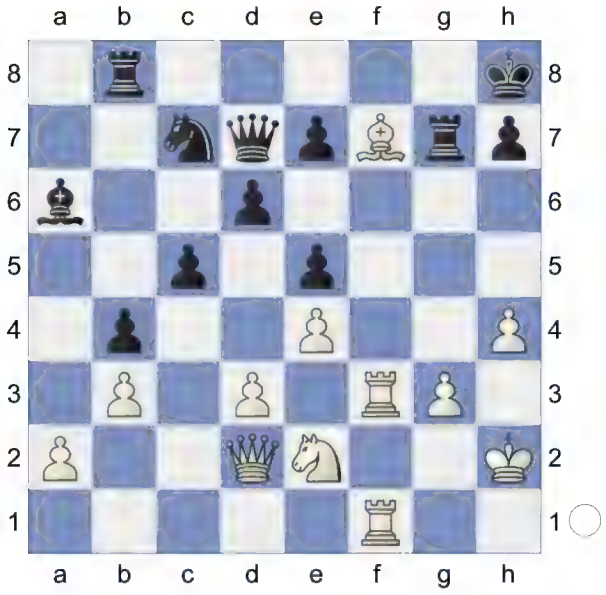
21.Kh2 Qd7 22.h4 Kh8 23.Bh3 Qe8 24.Rf3 -0.86/20
[24.fxg6± 0.34/20 keeps the upper hand. hxg6 25.Bh6]
24...Rg8 -0.28/24
[24...gxf5∓ -0.86/20 25.exf5 Bf6]
25.fxg6= Rxg6



26.Bf4 f6 0.21/20
[⌓26...Bf6 -0.28/22]
27.Bxe5 fxe5 0.70/20
[27...dxe5= 0.28/20 28.Rxc5 Nd6]
28.Rcf1!± White is more active. **28...Rg7 29.Be6 Nc7!**

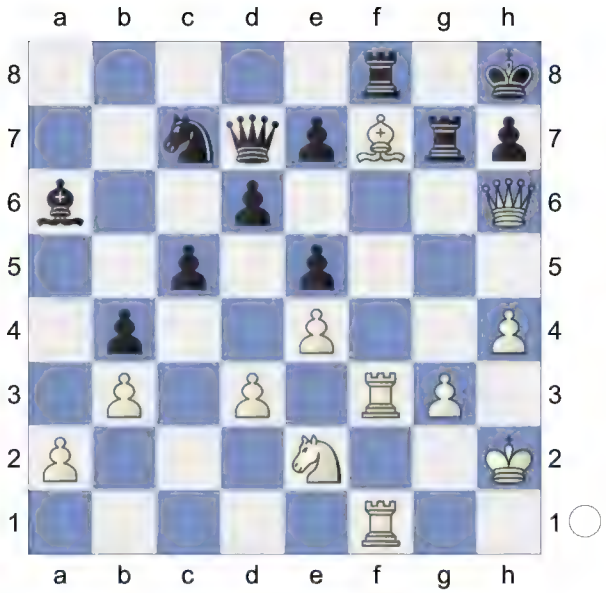


30.Bf7 Qd7

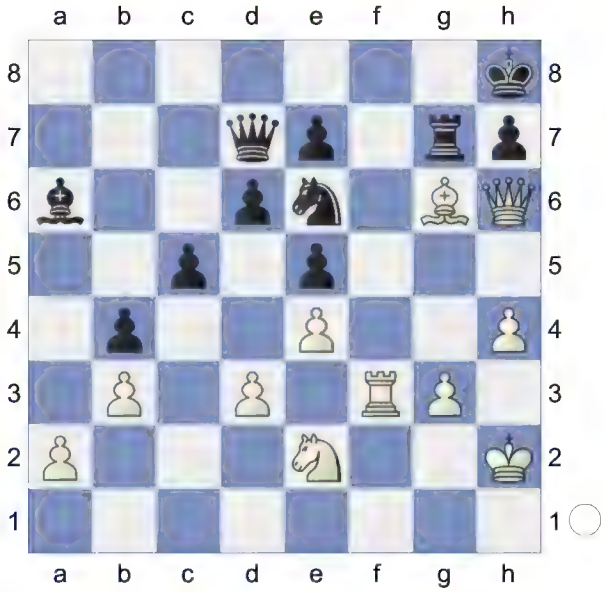


31.Qh6 Threatens to win with Bg6!.
31...Rf8? 4.01/23
[31...Qg4!± 0.69/19]

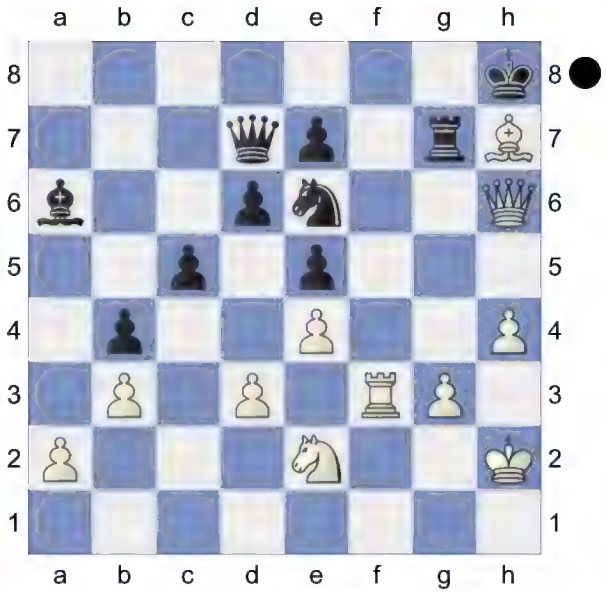
(Diagram)



32.Bg6!+- Discovered Attack, Back Rank **32...Rxf3**
[32...Rxg6 33.Rxf8+ *(33.Qxf8+ Rg8+-)* 33...Rg8 34.Rxg8+ Kxg8 35.Qf8#]
33.Rxf3 Ne6
[Inferior is 33...Rxg6 34.Rf8+ Rg8 35.Rf7]



Inhibits Rf8+.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.45
34.Bxh7!



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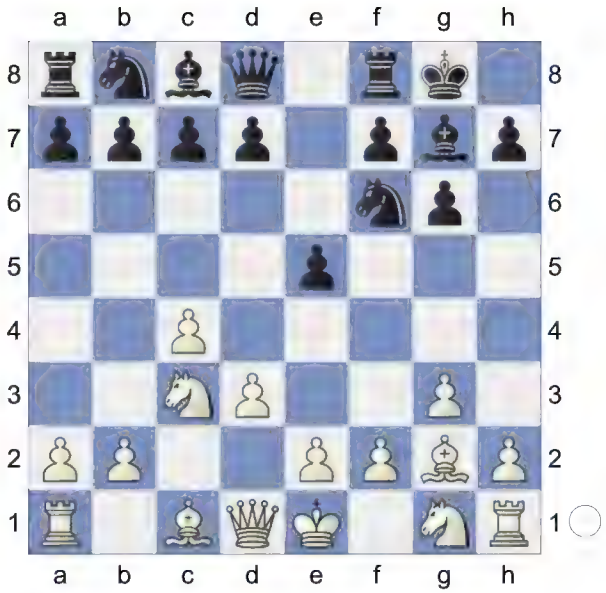
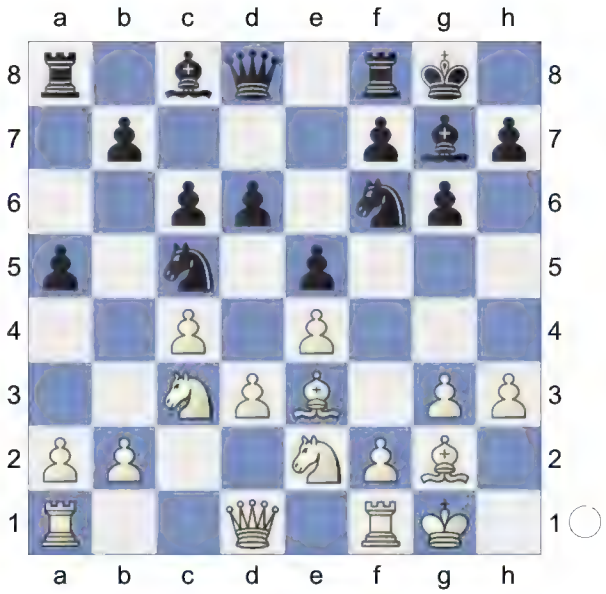
63 **A20**
□ **Gumularz,Szymon** **2587**
■ **Krasenkow,M** **2531**
Szansa Open Rapid 2023 (6.1) 17.09.23
[Kitty Kat]

A24: English Opening vs King's Indian: Lines without ...Nc6
1.c4 e5 2.d3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 0-0

(Diagram)



6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 Nbd7 8.0-0 a5 9.h3 Nc5
[9...c6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.Qd2 Nc5 12.f4 b6 13.Rad1 Ba6 14.b3 Rad8 15.f5 gxf5 16.Rxf5 Bc8 17.Rf2 Ne8 18.Rdf1 Ne6 19.g4 Nd4 20.Ng3 f6 21.Nh5 Bh8 22.Bxd4 exd4 23.Ne2 1-0 Hansen,S (2603)-Jayaram,R (2070) Thailand op 11th 2011 (1)]
10.Be3 c6



11.Qc2N White is better.Exploring less charted territory.Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

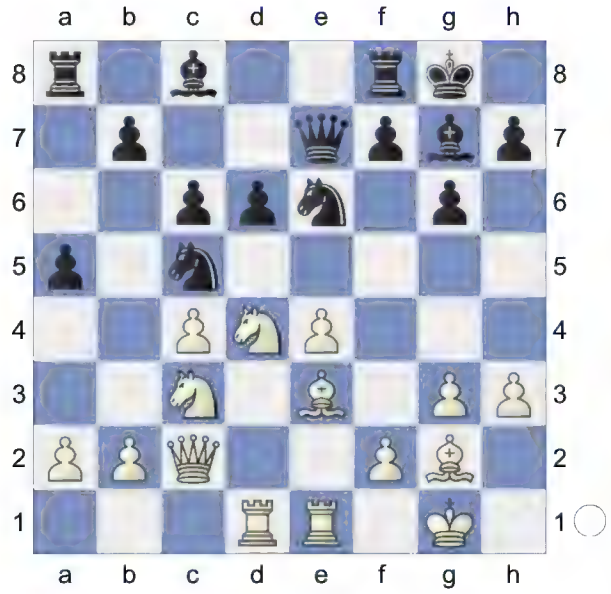
[11.f4 exf4 12.gxf4 Qe7 13.Qd2 Nh5 14.d4 Na6 15.f5 Re8 16.Bh6 Bf6 17.Rae1 Nc7 18.b3 Bh4 19.Rd1 gxf5 20.exf5 a4 21.Kh1 Bf6 22.bxa4 Kh8 23.Qd3 Ra5 24.Bd2 Rg8 25.Qe4 Qd8 ½-½ (47) 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5. Bg5 Be7/ 8.Bd3-Fraser,L 51/(586) Tuzla 1990 (8)]

11...Ne8N

[Vorgänger: 11...Qe7 0.87/19 11...Ne6 0.51 12.a3 0.27/19 *(12.Rad1± 0.87/19)* 12...Bd7 13.b4 Ne6 14.Na4 c5 1.01/20 *(*Black should play *14...axb4±* 0.36/20 *15.axb4 b5)* 15.b5 0.61/19 *(15.Nb6± 1.01/20)* 15...Nd4± 16.Bxd4 exd4 1.02/18 *(16...cxd4=* 0.24/20 remains equal. *17.Nb6 Rab8)* 17.Kh2 -0.25/20 *(17.Nb6±* 1.02/18 *)* 17...Rab8 0.12/20 1-0 Galuscak,V (1829)-Povilavicius,V (1704) Klaipeda Sea op 09th 2012 (2) *(⌓17...Rae8* -0.25/20 *)*]

12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nc7 14.Rad1 Black must now prevent Nxc6!. **14...Qe7 15.Rfe1 N7e6** 1.47/20

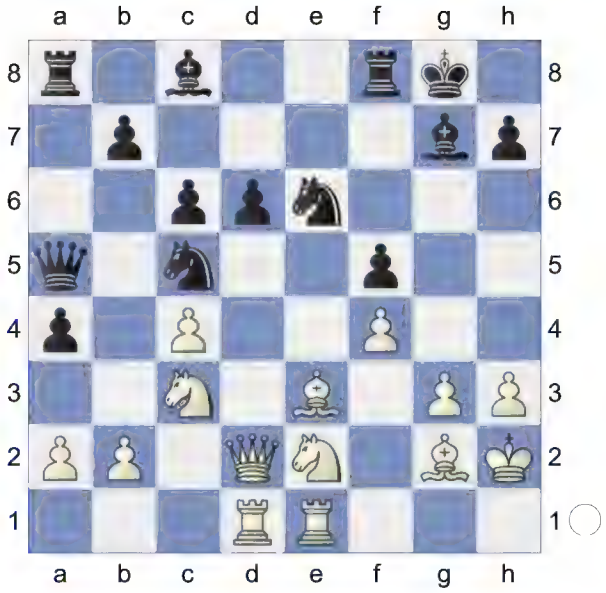
[⌓15...a4 0.86/20]



16.Nde2 1.04/18

[16.Nf5! 1.47/20 gxf5 17.exf5]

16...a4 17.Kh2 Qc7 18.f4 f5 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Qd2 Qa5



21.Qxd6 0.19/22

[21.g4± 1.48/18]

21...a3 1.41/18

[21...Rd8= 0.19/22 22.Qe7 Nd3]

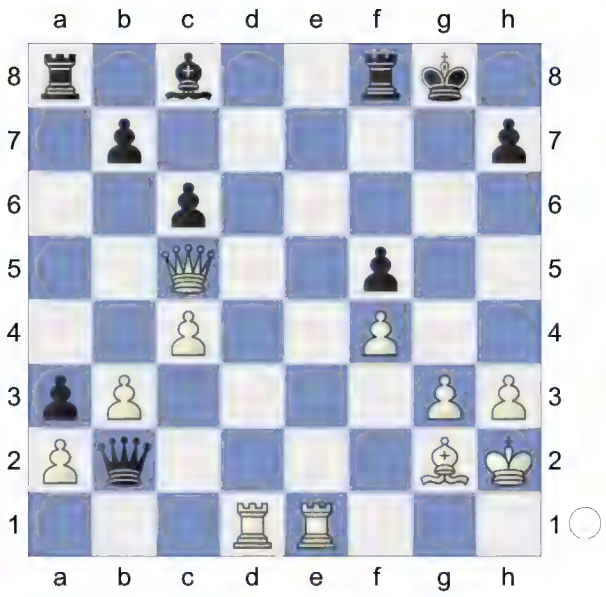
22.b3!± White is more active.

22...Bxc3? 3.69/22

[22...Nxb3± 1.24/19 23.axb3 Bxc3 24.Nxc3 Qxc3]

23.Nxc3+- Qxc3 24.Bxc5 Nxc5 25.Qxc5 Qb2

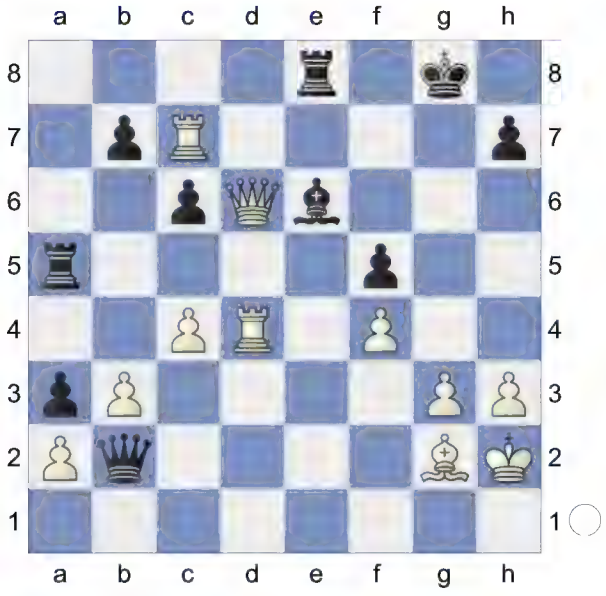
(Diagram)



26.Re7 Qf6 27.Rc7 Re8 28.Rd6 Qb2 29.Rd4? 0.00/15

[White should play 29.Qe3+- 5.33/20 Bd7 *(29...Qxg2+? 30.Kxg2+-)* 30.Qf3]

29...Ra5? 12.37/22 **30.Qd6** White wants to mate with Qd8!. **30...Be6**



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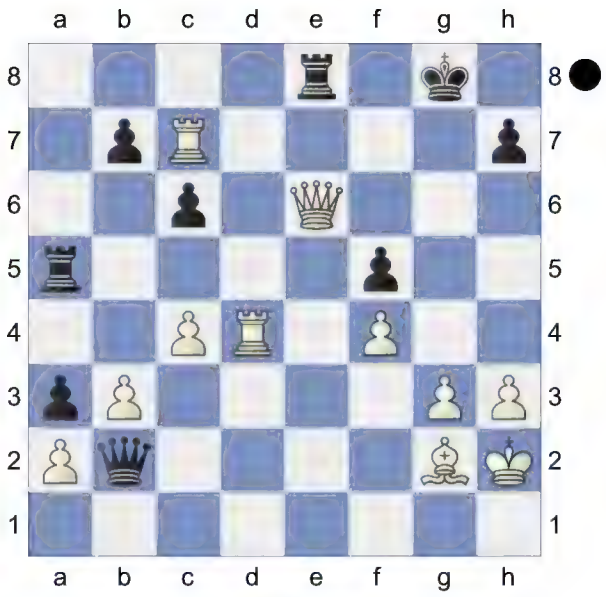
31.Qxe6+!!

(Diagram)



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64 **A26**

□ **Delchev,Aleksander** **2583**

■ **Ivanovic,Bozidar** **2501**

Subotica TS03 GM (1) 23.03.2003

[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 e5 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 Ne7

(Diagram)

6.e4 0-0 7.Nge2 Nbc6 8.0-0 Bd7

[8...Bg4 9.f3 Be6 10.Nd5 f5 11.Be3 Qd7 12.Qd2 Rae8 13.Rae1 Nc8 14.b3 Nd8 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.d4 Nf7 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nd4 Bd3 19.Rf2 c5 20.Nb5 Bf5 21.g4 Be6 22.Nbc7 Rd8 23.h3 1-0 (40) Harman,K (2515)-Kolmakov,S (2485) W corr ICCF 1999]

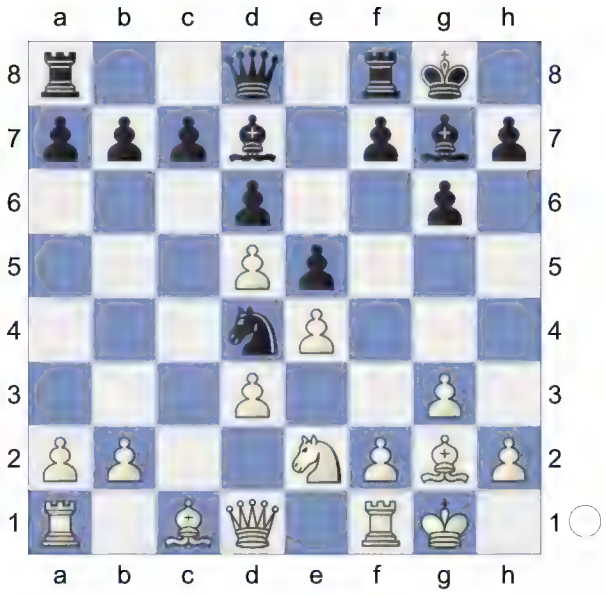
[8...Rb8 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Be6 11.Nd5 b5 12.Nxe7+ Nxe7 13.Bxa7 fxe4 14.Bxb8 Qxb8 15.cxb5 Qxb5 16.dxe4 Nc6 17.a4 Qb7 18.Rfc1 Qb6 19.Qe3 Nd4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Qd2 d3 22.Rf1 Bc4 23.Rac1 0-1 (45) Farhat,J (1890)-Vayanos,G (2049) LIB-chT Beirut 2025 (6.3)]

9.Nd5 Nxd5N

[9...Rb8 10.Bg5 f6 11.Be3 f5 12.Qd2 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Bg5 Qc8 16.Rac1 Rf7 17.Bh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Bb5 19.Rfd1 c5 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.b3 c5 22.e5 Qe6 23.exd6 Qxd6 24.Qf4 ½-½ (29) Shevelev,A-Miles,E 25/353 Bugojno 1978]

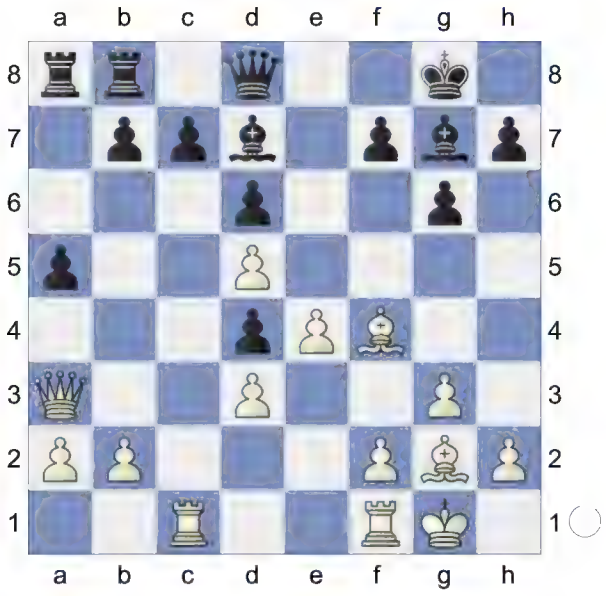
10.cxd5 Nd4

(Diagram)



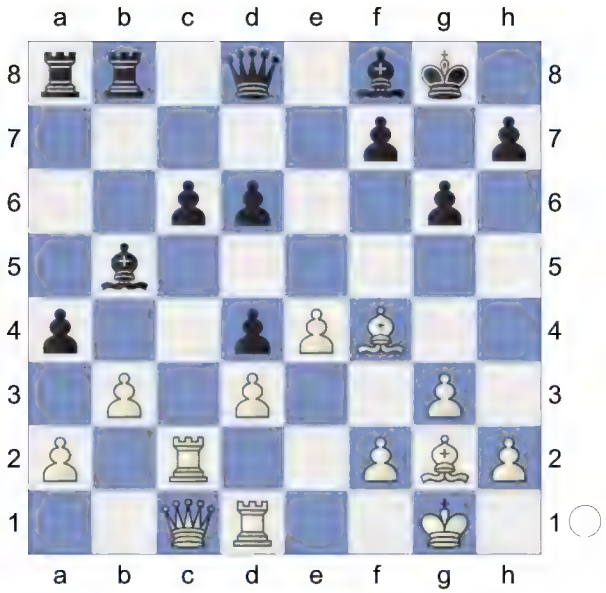
11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Bf4 Qe7 13.Qb3 Rfb8 14.Qa3 White is slightly better.

14...a5 15.Rac1 Qd8

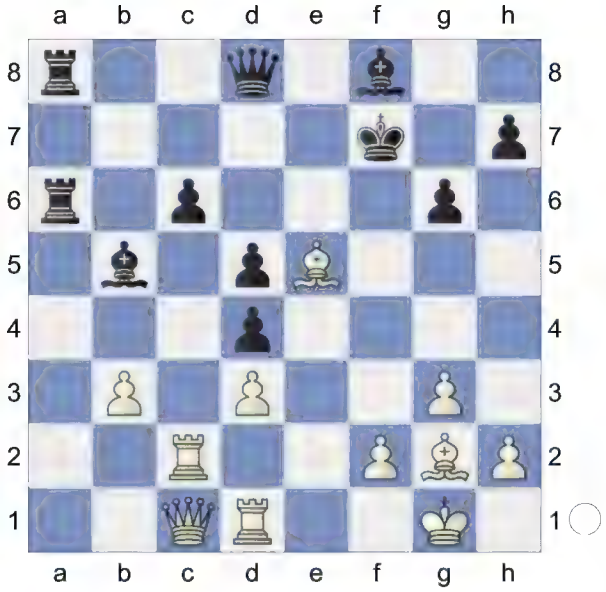


16.Rc2 Bf8 17.b3 Bb5 18.Rd1 c5 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Qc1 a4

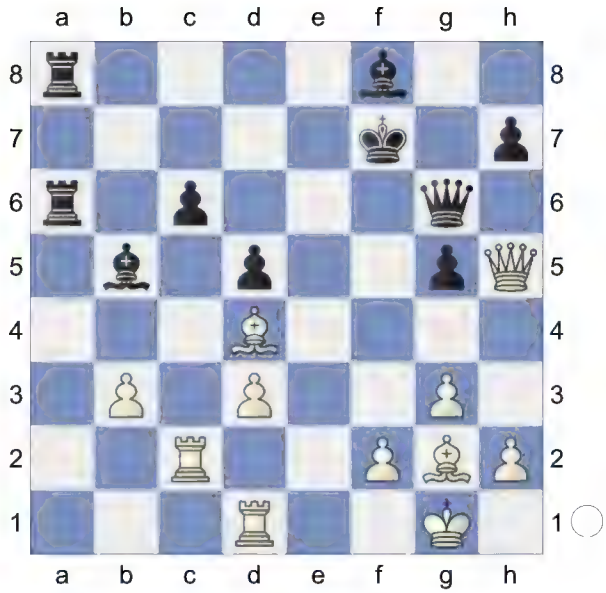
(Diagram)



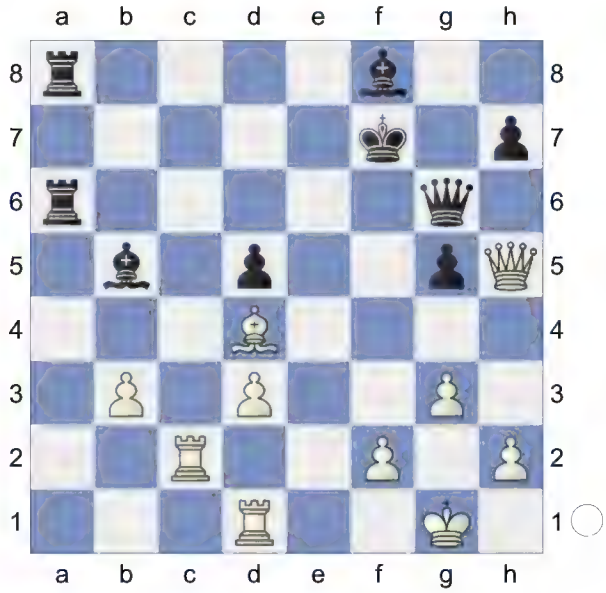
21.e5 axb3 22.axb3 d5 1.26/19
[22...Ra6= 0.20/19]
23.e6!± Rb6 1.72/20
[23...Ba3± 1.11/19 24.exf7+ Kxf7]
24.exf7++- Kxf7 25.Be5 Rba6



26.Bxd4 Qf4+ is the strong threat.
26...Qd7 27.Qg5 1.35/19
[White should play 27.Re2+- 2.26/20]
27...Qf5 28.Qh4 White is more active.
28...g5 2.35/18
[28...Kg8± 1.36/20 keeps fighting.
29.Re2 Qh5 30.Qxh5 gxh5]
29.Qh5+ Qg6

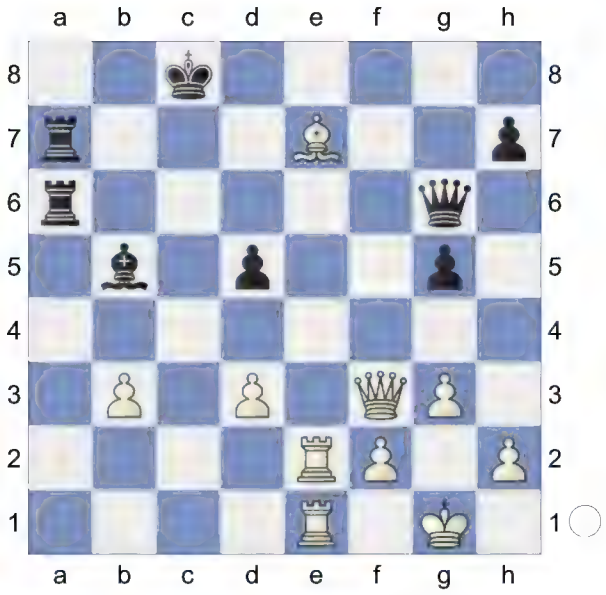


30.Bxd5+! cxd5

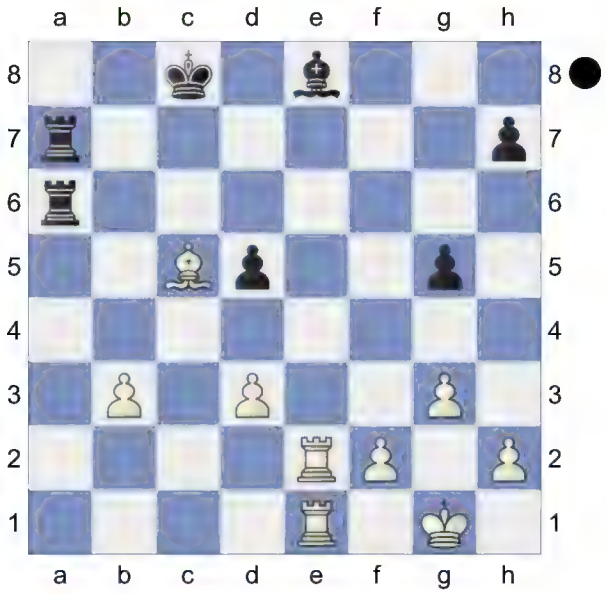


31.Qf3+ Ke8 32.Re1+ White is clearly winning. **32...Be7 33.Rce2 R8a7 34.Bc5 Kd8 35.Bxe7+ Kc8**

(Diagram)



36.Qf8+ Qe8 37.Qxe8+ Bxe8 38.Bc5
[Not 38.Bxg5 Bg6 39.Rc2+ Rc7+-]



Discovered Attack **38...Bh5**
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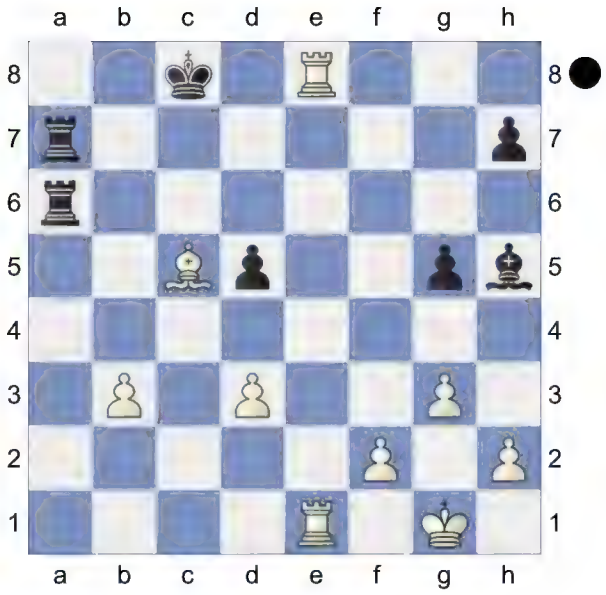
39.Re8+

(Diagram)



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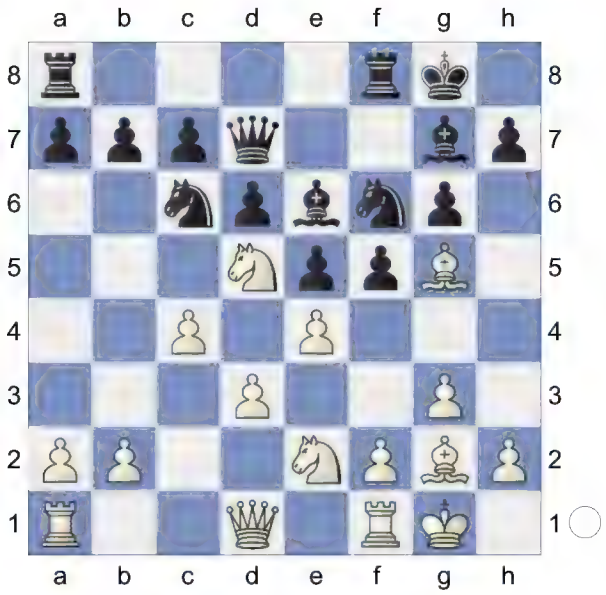
65 **A26**
□ **Ribli,Z** **2570**
■ **Van Mil,J** **2420**
EuClub Cup qual Gp 3 (2) 23.09.1997
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.e4 d6

(Diagram)

6.d3 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd5 Be6 10.Bg5 Qd7



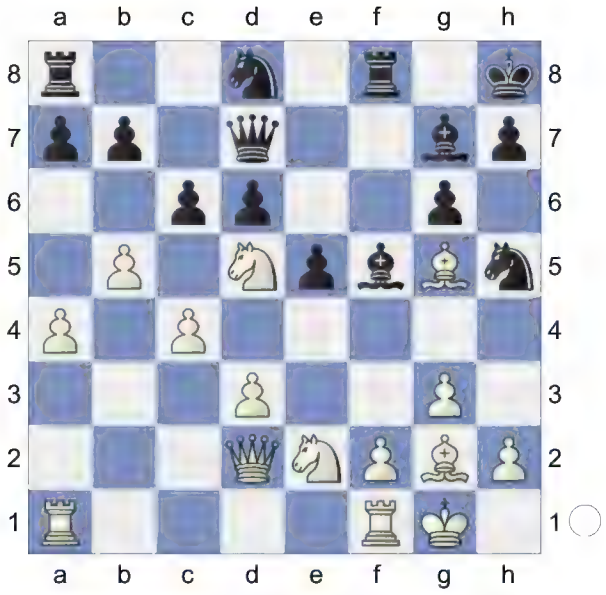
11.Qd2 Nh5 12.exf5 Bxf5 White is slightly better. **13.b4**

[13.Rae1 Rf7 14.b4 Bh3 15.Bxh3 Qxh3 16.b5 Nd8 17.f4 Ne6 18.fxe5 Raf8 19.Rxf7 Rxf7 20.Bf6 dxe5 21.Bxg7 ½-½ Seul,G (2620)-Jechov,J (2540) ENG-ISR corr 1992 (11)]

13...Kh8 14.b5 Nd8 15.a4N White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.

[15.Bxd8 Raxd8 16.Nb4 d5 17.Nxd5 c6 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Nb4 e4 20.d4 c5 21.Nd5 Nf6 22.Rad1 Nxd5 23.cxd5 Qxd5 24.Nf4 Qxd4 25.Qe2 Qe5 26.Qc4 Rd4 27.Qb5 e3 28.Rc1 exf2+ 29.Rxf2 Qe3 0-1 (54) Gombocz,F (2245)-Polgar,T (2208) Balaton IM 37th 2019 (9)]

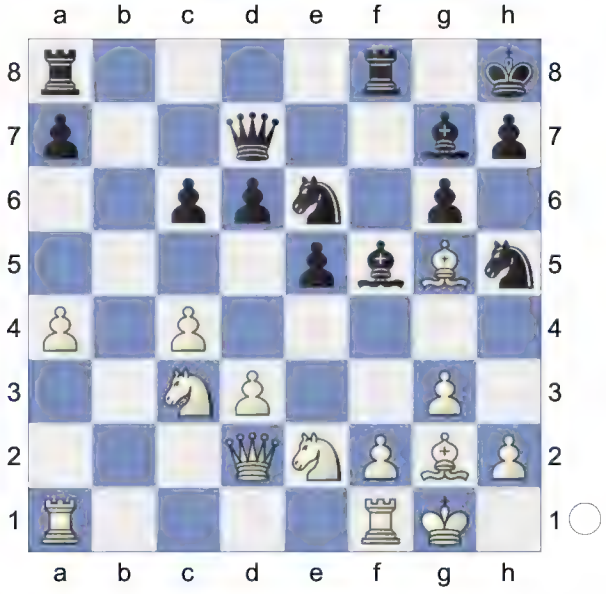
15...c6



16.bxc6 -0.39/21

[16.Nb4± 0.54/19]

16...bxc6∓ 17.Ndc3 Ne6

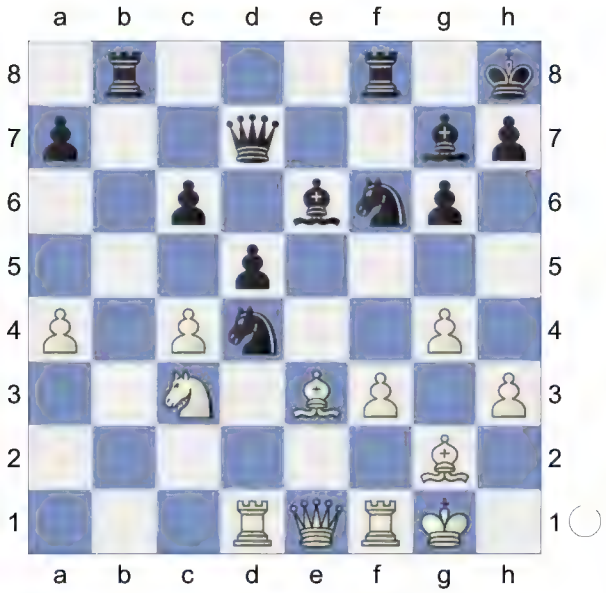


18.Be3 Nf6 19.f3 Prevents Ng4.

19...Nc5 20.Rad1 Rab8

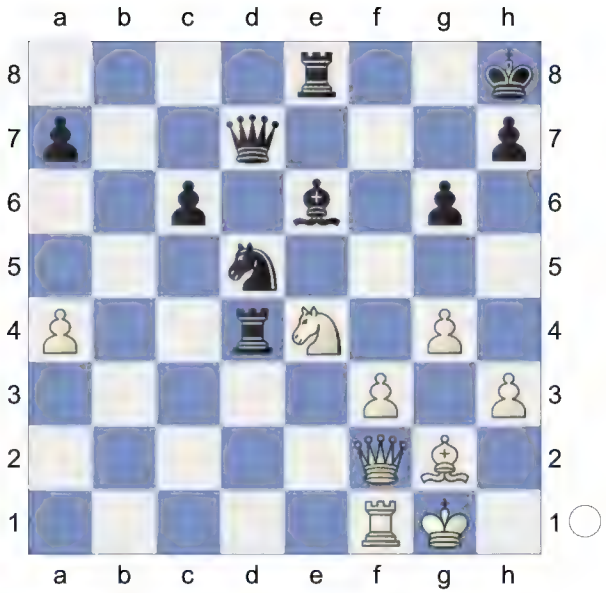
[20...Nxd3? 21.g4+-]

21.g4 Nb3 22.Qe1 Be6 23.h3 d5 24.d4 exd4 25.Nxd4 Nxd4



26.Bxd4 Rfe8 27.Qf2 Rb4 28.cxd5 Nxd5 29.Ne4 Bxd4 30.Rxd4 Rxd4

(Diagram)

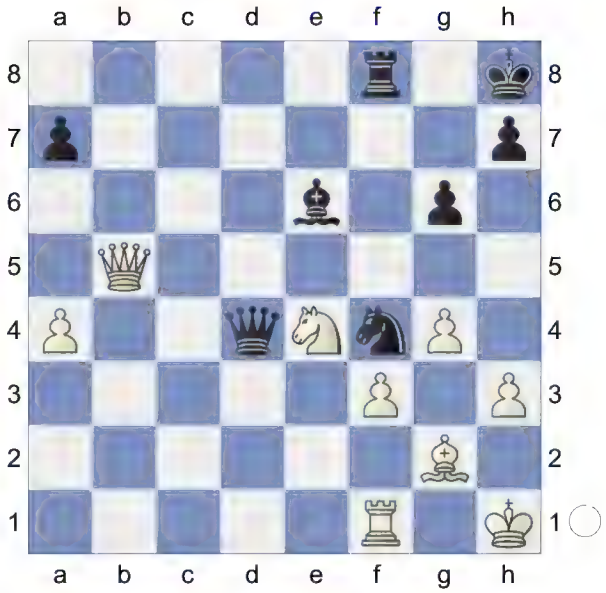


31.Qxd4+ Qg7 32.Qc5 Nf4 33.Qxc6 Qd4+ 34.Kh1 Rc8 35.Qb5 -0.33/19

[35.Qb7!± 0.31/20]

35...Rf8 0.34/19

[35...Nxg2!∓ -0.33/19 36.Kxg2 Bc4]



36.Rc1± Bd5 Hoping for ...Nxg2.

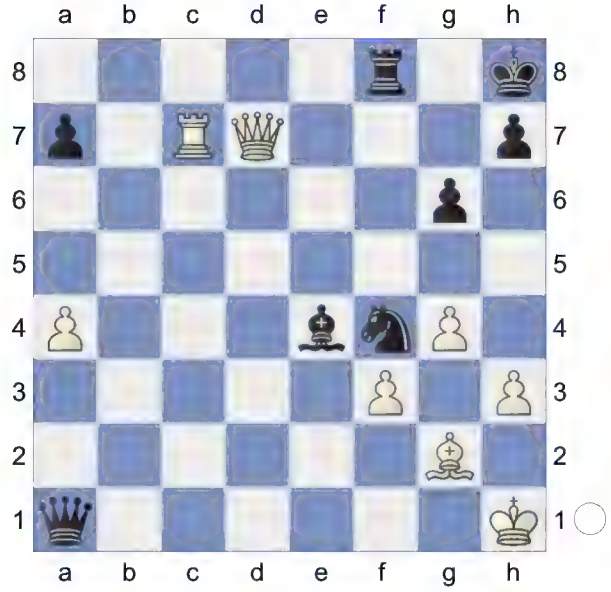
37.Qd7 Qg7 0.27/22

[But not 37...Nxg2?! 38.Ng5 Qg7 39.Qxg7+ *(39.Qxd5 Nf4±)* 39...Kxg7 40.Kxg2±]

[37...Qb2 -0.12/20 feels stronger. 38.Rg1 Bxe4]

38.Qd6= Rc7 is the strong threat.
38...Bxe4 39.Rc7 Qf6 2.58/23
[Wrong is 39...Qa1+? 40.Kh2 Qf6 41.Qd7+-]
[39...Bxf3!± 0.61/19 40.Bxf3 Qa1+ 41.Kh2 Qf6 42.Qxf6+ Rxf6]

40.Qd7!+- Qa1+? #6/23
[40...g5+- 2.37/18 41.fxe4 Qh6]



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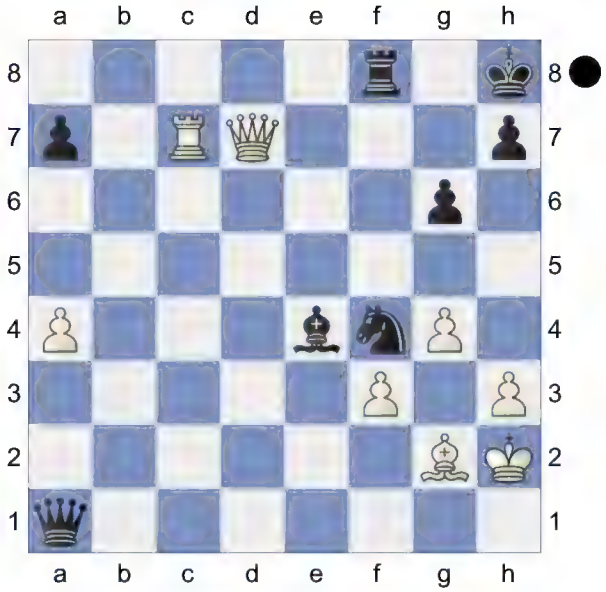
41.Kh2



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66	**A26**
□ **Balog,I1**	**2566**
■ **Hoang Thanh Trang**	**2414**
ch-HUN Rapid 2019 (7.5)	20.07.2019

[Kitty Kat]

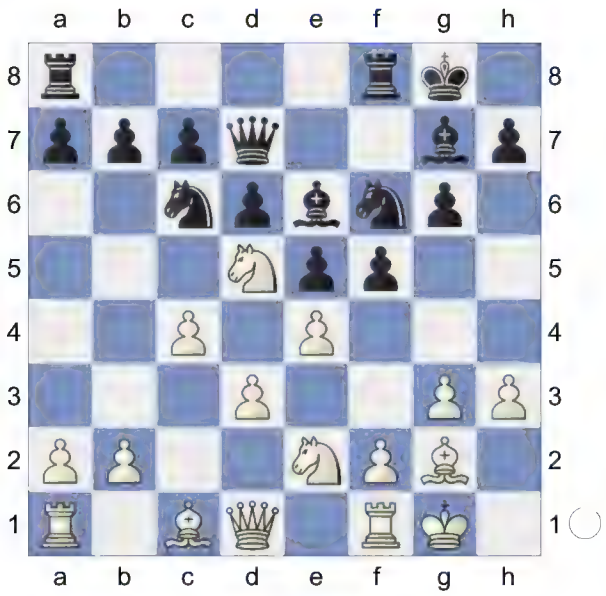
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 d6

(Diagram)

6.e4 Nc6 7.Nge2 e5 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Be6 10.Nd5 -0.27/20

[⩲10.exf5 0.25/18 gxf5 11.Bg5]

10...Qd7



11.Kh2 Rf7 0.32/17

[11...f4= -0.11/18]

12.Be3 -0.38/18

[12.exf5± 0.32/17 gxf5 13.Rg1]

[12.Bg5 Raf8 13.Qd2 f4 14.gxf4 Nh5 15.f5 gxf5 16.Ng3 Nf4 17.Nxf4 exf4 18.Nh5 f3 19.Bh1 Be5+ 20.Bf4 fxe4 21.Bxe5 Nxe5 22.Rg1+ Kh8 23.d4 Nxc4 24.Qg5 Qe7 25.Qh6 Qh4 26.Qxe6 Qxf2+ 0-1 (28) Meier,G (2137)-Dvalishvili,A (2481) Match, Stockholm (3)]

12...Raf8 0.49/17

[12...f4!∓ -0.38/18 13.gxf4 Raf8 14.Nxf6+ Rxf6]

13.Qd2 -0.28/16

[13.exf5!± 0.49/17 gxf5 14.f4]

13...Nh5N 0.74/18

[13...f4!= -0.28/16 14.gxf4 Nh5 15.fxe5 dxe5]

[13...Nd8 14.Nxf6+ Rxf6 15.exf5 Rxf5 16.g4 R5f7 17.Nc3 c6 18.Rac1 b6 19.f3 d5 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.Nxd5 cxd5 22.Qc2 h6 23.Kg1 Kh7 24.b4 Qe7 25.Qb3 Qd7 26.b5 Ne6 27.Rc6 Nf4 28.Qc2 0-1 (38) Tajedine,S (2510)-Schalkwijk,P (2605) Polska 14/276 1972 (1) Qe7 29.d4 e4 30.fxe4 Nxg2 31.Rxf7 Qxf7 32.Qxg2 dxe4 33.a4 Qb3 34.Qd2 Rf3 35.Rc3 Qxa4 36.Bf2 Qa1+ 37.Rc1 Qa3 38.Rc7 e3 0-1 Sher,M (2510)-Vyzmanavin,A (2605) ch Elista 1995 (1)]

14.exf5± gxf5 and ...f4! should not be overlooked **15.f4** White is more active.

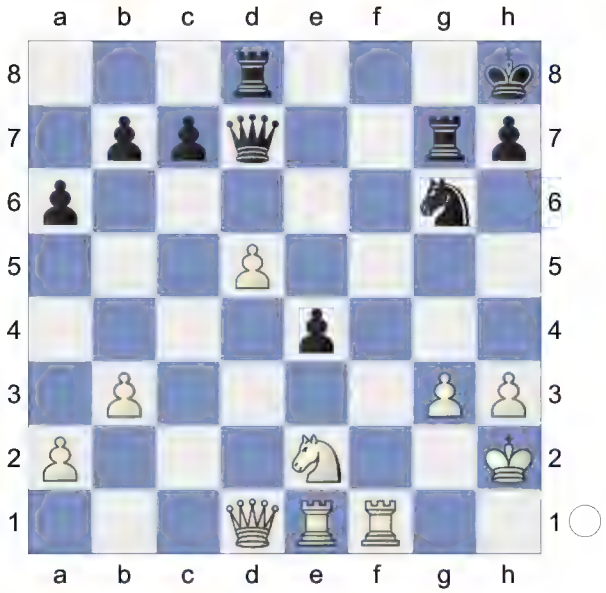
15...Kh8

16.Rae1 a6 17.Qd1 Nf6 18.d4 Ne4 19.dxe5 dxe5 20.fxe5 Nxe5

21.b3 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Ng6 23.Bd4 Rd8 1.86/17

[23...Re8± 0.58/18]

24.Bxg7++- Rxg7 25.Bxe4 fxe4

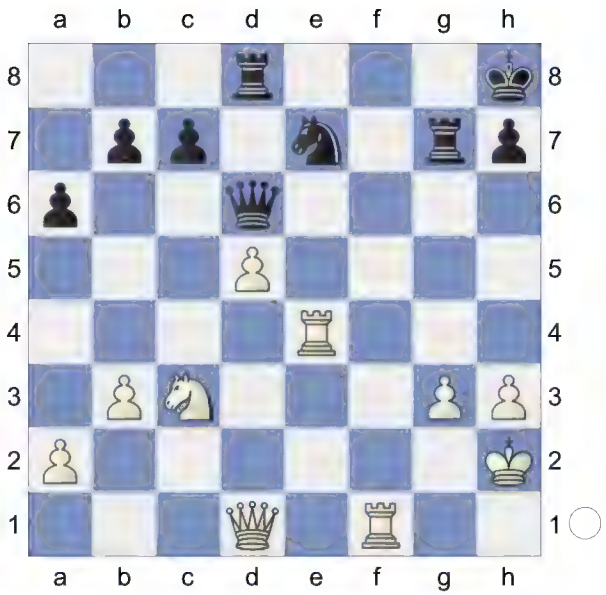


26.Nc3 Ne7 27.Rxe4

[27.Nxe4 Qxd5 28.h4 Qxd1 29.Rxd1 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Ng8±]

27...Qd6

(Diagram)



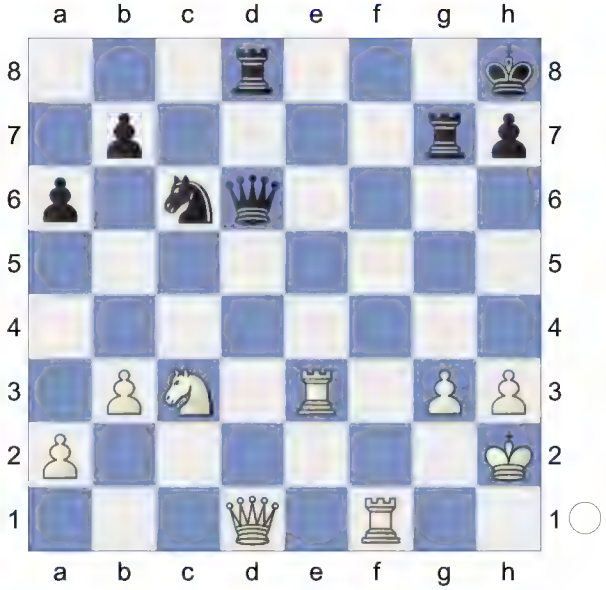
28.Re3 0.93/16

[White should play 28.Rg4!+- 1.86/20 And now Rxg7 would win. Rxg4 29.hxg4 *(29.Qxg4 Qg6+-)*]

28...c6? 2.50/21

[28...Nxd5± 0.93/16 29.Rd3 c6]

29.dxc6 Nxc6



30.Re8+!! Deflection **30...Rg8**

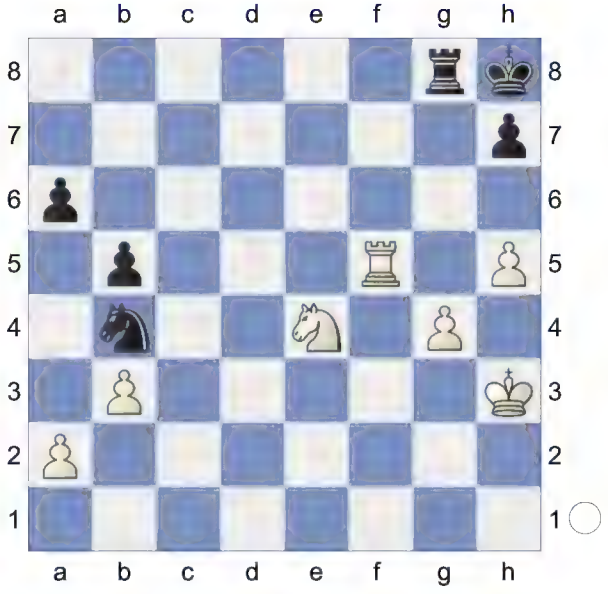
(Diagram)

31.Rxg8+ Kxg8 32.Qg4+ Qg6 33.Qc4+ Kh8 34.Rf2 Qg7 2.80/18
[⌓34...Ne5 1.95/18 35.Qc5 Nc6 36.Rf8+ Kg7]
35.Ne4 Ne5

36.Qe6 Ng6 37.h4 Qe5 38.Ng5 Qxe6 39.Nxe6 Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **39...Rd6 40.Nc5 b5**

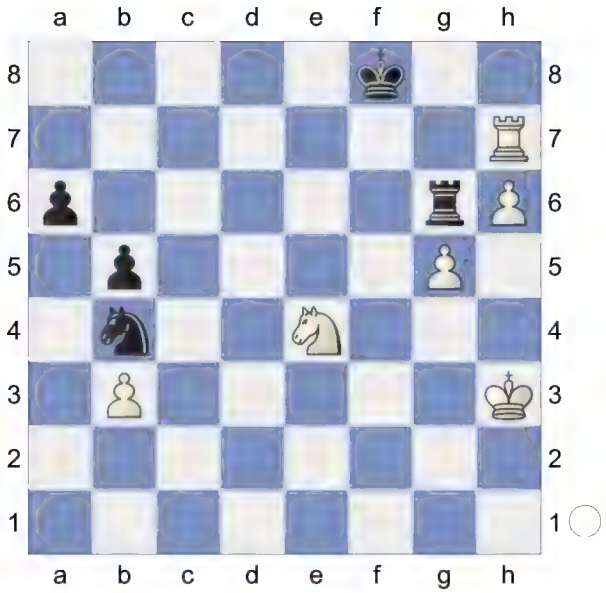
(Diagram)

41.Kh3 Ne5 3.34/19
[⌓41...Kg7 1.91/18 42.Re2 Kf7]
42.Rf5 Nd3 43.Ne4 2.32/17
[⌓43.Nxd3 3.87/21 Rxd3 44.Rf6]
43...Rg6 44.h5 Rg8 5.68/20
[44...Re6 3.07/18]
45.g4 White is clearly winning. **45...Nb4**



46.h6 Nxa2 47.Rf7 Rg6 48.g5 Nf6 would kill now. **48...Kg8 49.Ra7 Kf8 50.Rxh7 Nb4**

(Diagram)



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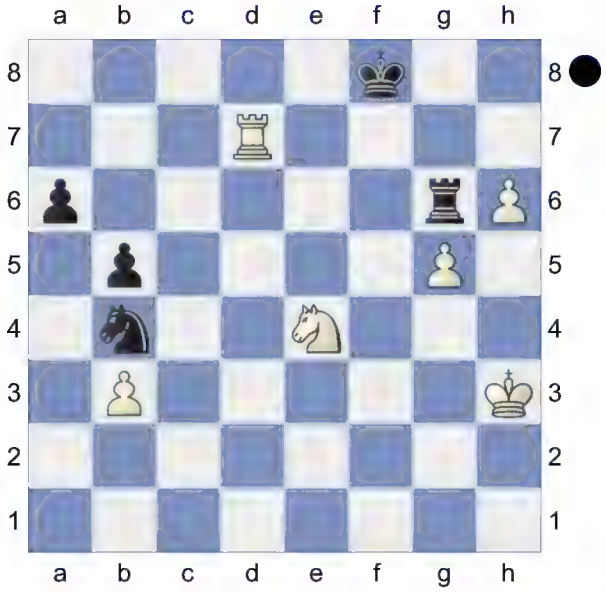
51.Rd7



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67 **A26**

□ **Balashov,Yuri S** **2565**

■ **Smyslov,Vassily V** **2595**

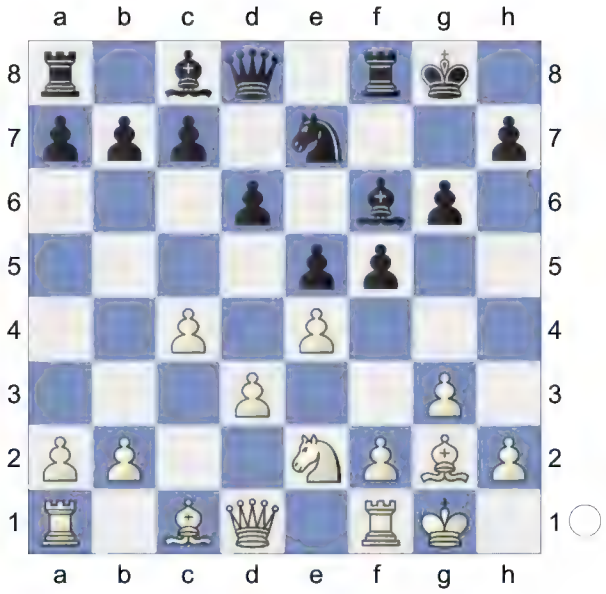
Interpolis-01 (9) 03.10.1977

[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 f5

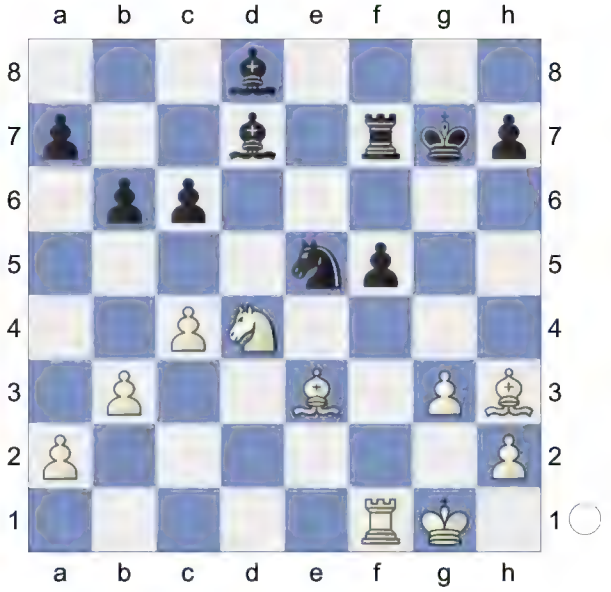
6.e4 Nf6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.Nd5 Ne7 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6



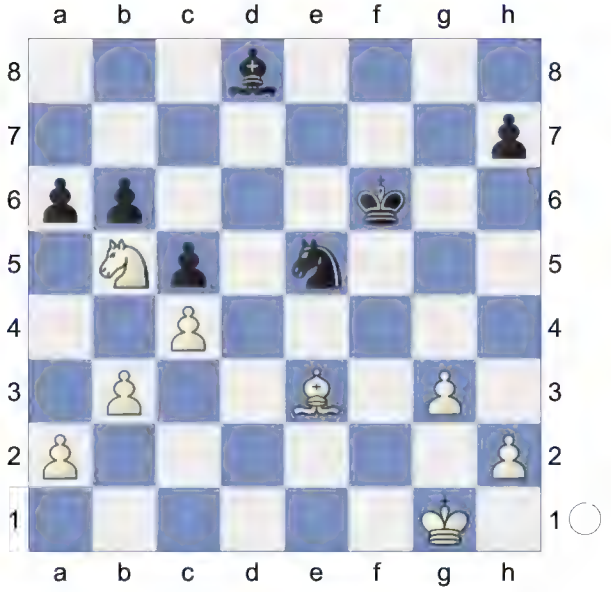
11.Bh6 Rf7 12.Qd2 Be6 White has an edge. **13.Rac1 Kh8 14.Be3 Qd7** 0.66/18
[14...fxe4= 0.10/19 15.dxe4 a6]
15.exf5± gxf5

16.f4
[16.Bxb7 Rb8 17.Bg2 *(17.Bxa7? Rxb7-+)* 17...f4 18.gxf4 Bh3±]
16...c6 17.b3 b6 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.d4 Rd8N 20.Rcd1 Ng6 1.50/17
[⌓20...e4 0.99/18]

21.dxe5± Qxd2 22.Rxd2 0.88/24
[⌓22.Bxd2 1.57/22 Bxe5 23.Bxc6]
22...Nxe5 23.Rxd8+ Bxd8 24.Nd4 Bd7 25.Bh3! Kg7 1.54/19
[Black should try 25...c5 0.91/21 26.Nxf5 Nc6]



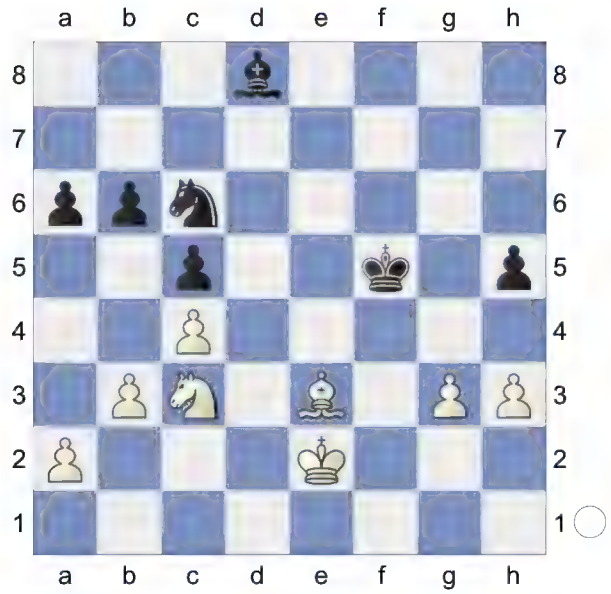
26.Bxf5 White is more active. **26...Bxf5 27.Rxf5 Rxf5 28.Nxf5+** Endgame KBN-KBN. White is a pawn up. **28...Kf6 29.Nd4 c5 30.Nb5 a6**



31.Nc3 Kf5 32.h3 1.28/22
[32.Kf1+- 1.72/24]
32...h5 1.86/21

[32...Nd3± 1.28/22 33.Kg2 Nb4]

33.Kf2 Nd3+ 34.Kf3 Ne5+ 35.Ke2 Nc6



36.Bf4 h4 37.Nd5 Hoping for Kd3.

37...hxg3? 3.66/22

[37...Ke4 1.90/18 was worth a try. 38.Kf2 hxg3+ 39.Kxg3 *(39.Bxg3 Nd4±)* 39...b5]

38.Bxg3+- Ke4 39.Nc3+? 1.00/20

[39.Bc7+- 3.20/21 has better winning chances.]

39...Kd4± 40.Be1 1.04/21

[40.Nd5+- 2.46/20]

40...Nb4

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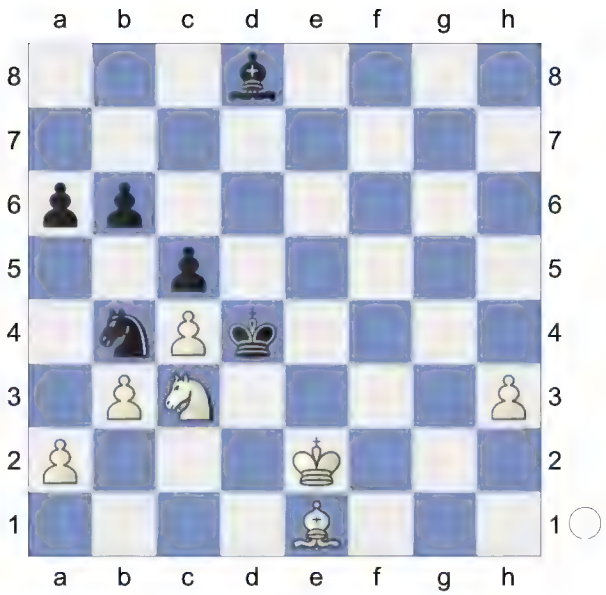


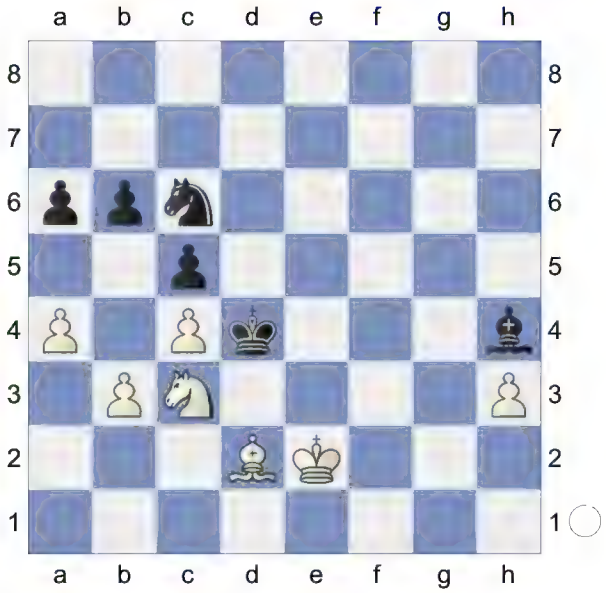
41.Bd2! Bh4 2.46/27

[41...Nc6± 0.99/24]

42.a4 1.04/23

[42.Na4!+- 2.46/27 and the rest is easy.]

42...Nc6



43.Nb1 0.28/21

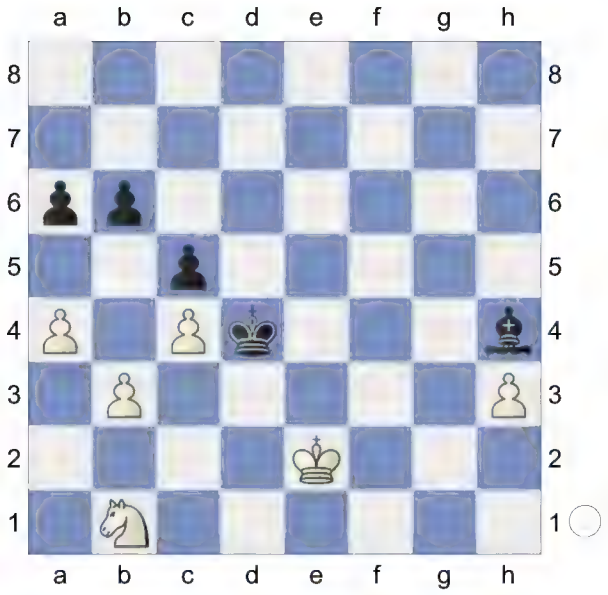
[43.Nd1!± 0.94/23]

43...Ke4= 44.Bc3 0.79/19

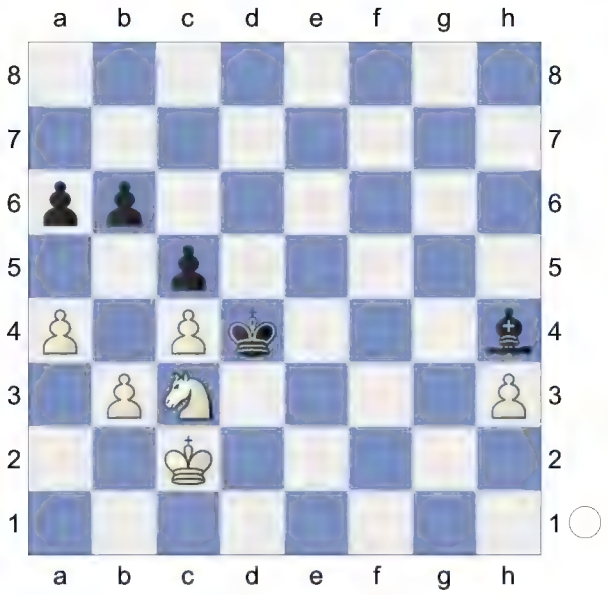
[44.Nc3+± 0.40/24 Kf5 45.Nd5]

44...Nd4+± 45.Bxd4 Kxd4=

(Diagram)

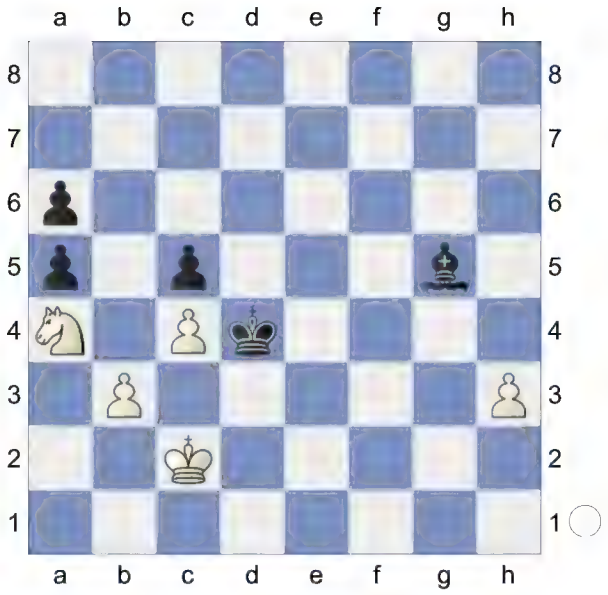


KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **46.Kd2 Bg5+ 47.Kc2 Bd8 48.Nc3 Bh4!**

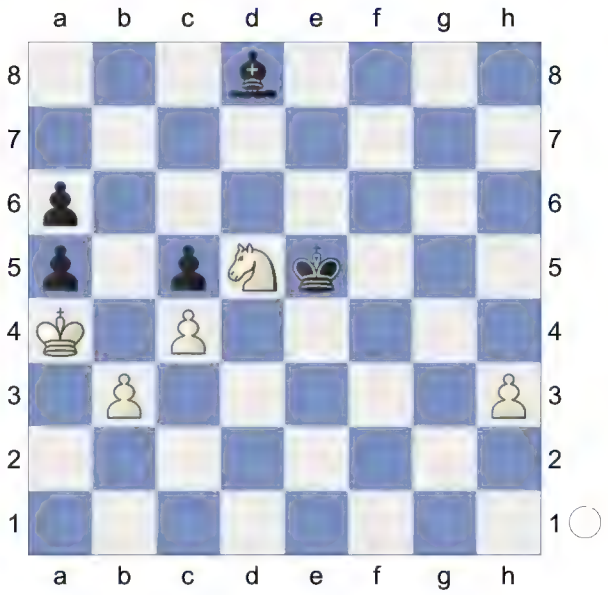


49.a5 0.00/44 **bxa5** The position is equal. **50.Na4 Bg5**

(Diagram)



51.Kb2 Bd8 52.Ka3 Ke3 53.Nc3 Kd3 54.Nd5 Ke4! Against Nf4 **55.Ka4 Ke5**



56.h4 Deflection **56...Bxh4 57.Kxa5 Kd4 58.Kxa6 Kd3 59.Kb5 Kc2 60.b4 cxb4**

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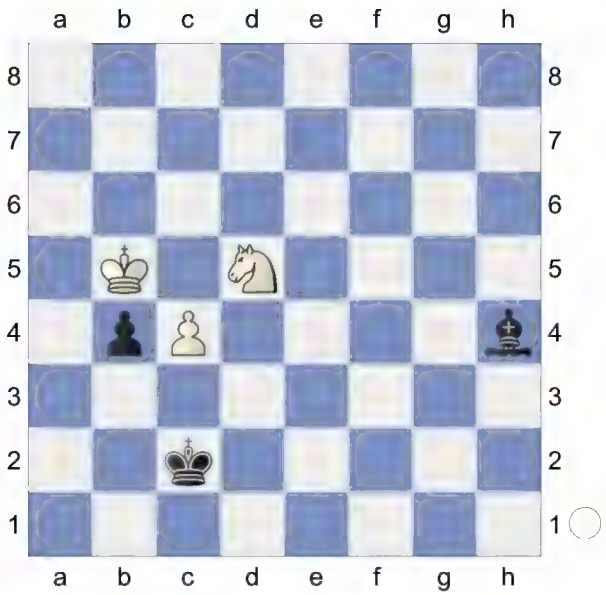
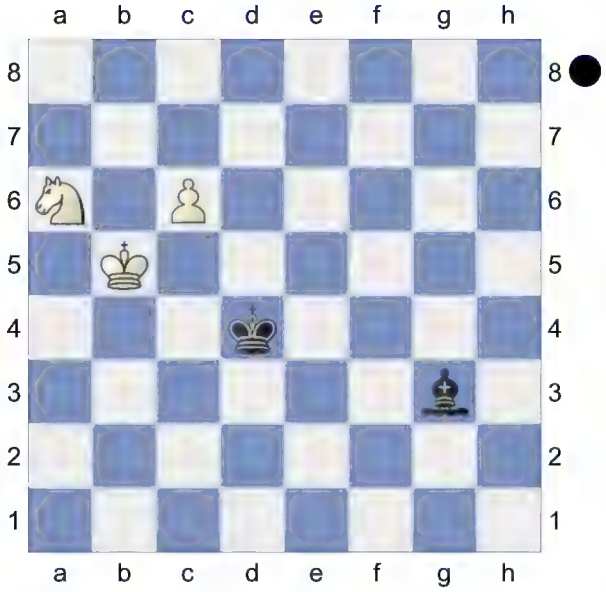


61.Nxb4+ Kc3 62.c5 Kd4 63.c6 Bg3
Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
64.Na6



Loss on time!?
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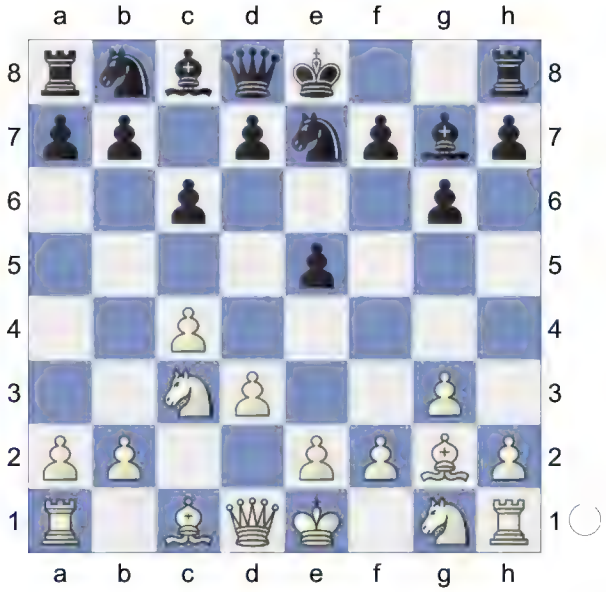
68 **A21**
□ **Vinje Gulbrandsen,Arnegm** **2562**
■ **Casares Ripoll,Fernando** **0**
corr EU/FSM/51 1994
[Kitty Kat]

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3
1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 Ne7 5.d3 c6



6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 Be6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 c5! 10.Rb1 Nbc6

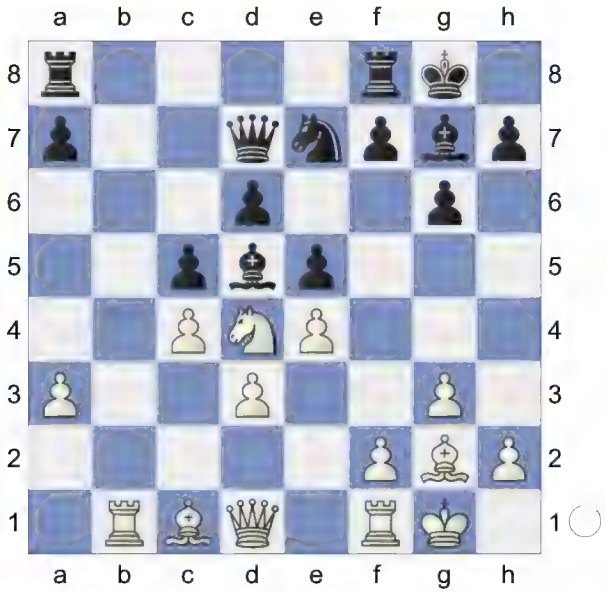
11.a3 White has an edge. **11...Qd7N**

[11...f5 12.Nd5 Qd7 13.exf5 gxf5 14.b4 cxb4 15.axb4 Bxd5 16.cxd5 Nd4 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.Re1 Nc8 19.Re6 a5 20.bxa5 Rxa5 21.g4 f4 22.Be4 Be5 23.g5 f3 24.Qf1 Rf7 25.Qh3 Ne7 26.Kh1 1-0 (35) 8.ef4 b6 9.cb6 ♕b6 (2435)-Tassopoulos,M (2460) 60/260 120726 1994 (1) Qa4 27.Bd2 Qc2 28.Rg1 Qxd2 29.g6 hxg6 30.Rxe7 Rxe7 31.Qc8+ Kh7 32.Bxg6+ Kh6 33.Qf8+ Bg7 34.Qxe7 Qxf2 35.Qg5# 1-0 Savon,V (2435)-Shmuter,L (2460) Volgograd 1994 (1)]

12.b4 b6 13.Nd5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd5 0.97/21

[14...cxd4± 0.57/22 should be considered. 15.Rb2 Rfb8]

15.bxc5± bxc5



16.cxd5 cxd4 17.Bd2 Nc8 18.Rb4 White is more active. **18...Nb6 19.a4! Qc7 20.Bh3 Rfb8** 1.60/21

[⌓20...Nd7 1.14/19]

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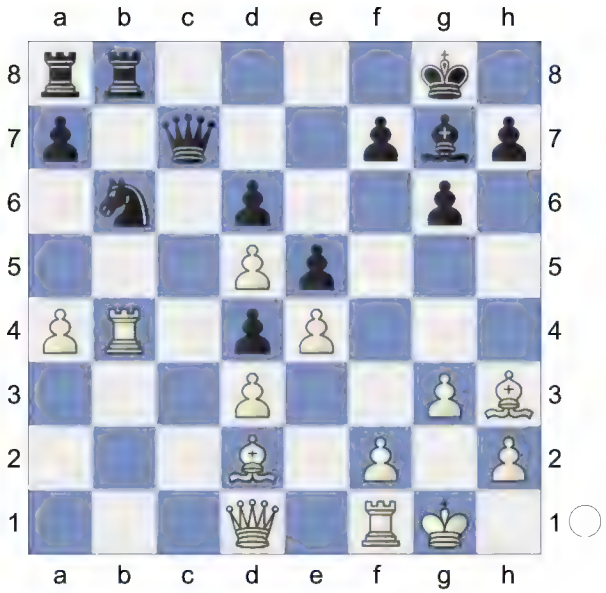
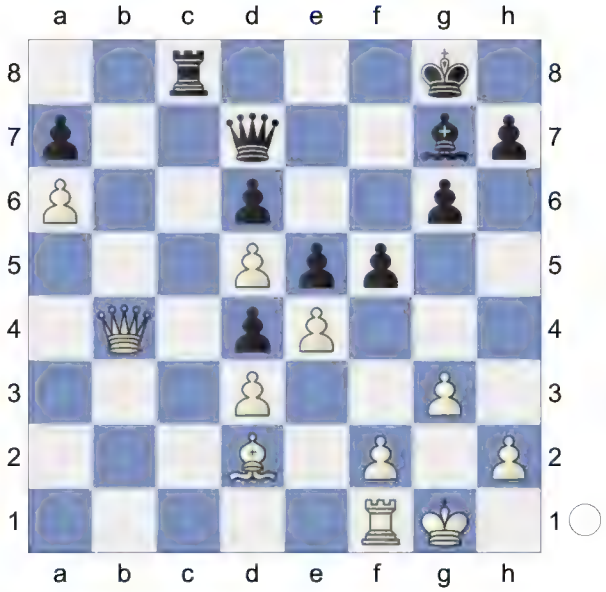


Black is weak on the light squares **21.Qb3! Nd7 22.Bxd7 Rxb4 23.Qxb4**

[23.Bxb4?! Qxd7 24.Bd2 Rf8±]

23...Qxd7 24.a5 f5 25.a6 And now Qb7 would win. Loses the game. **25...Rc8?** 3.55/19

[25...fxe4± 1.18/19 26.dxe4 Rc8]



26.Qb7+- Rc7

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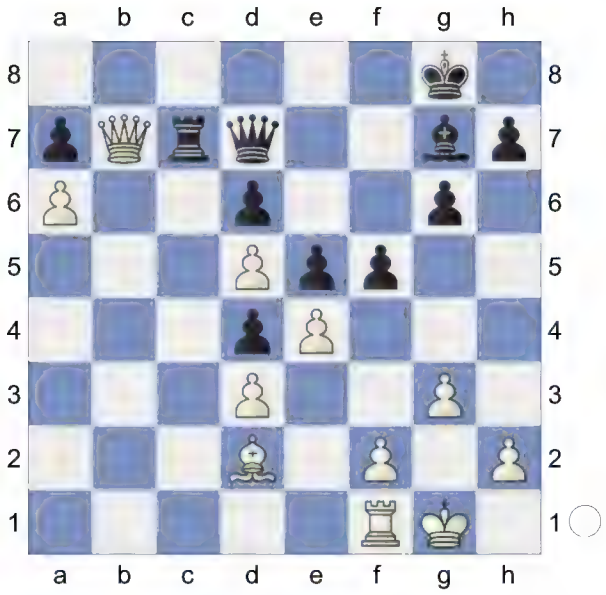
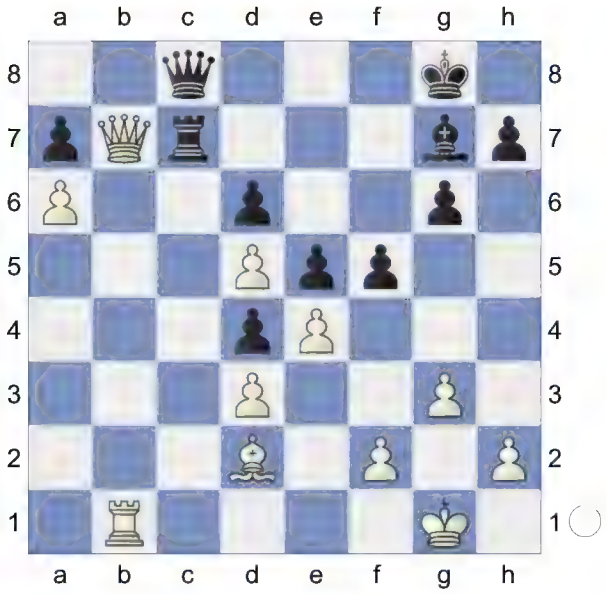


27.Rb1 Qc8

[27...Rxb7? 28.axb7+-]

[27...fxe4 28.Ba5 Rxb7 29.axb7+-]

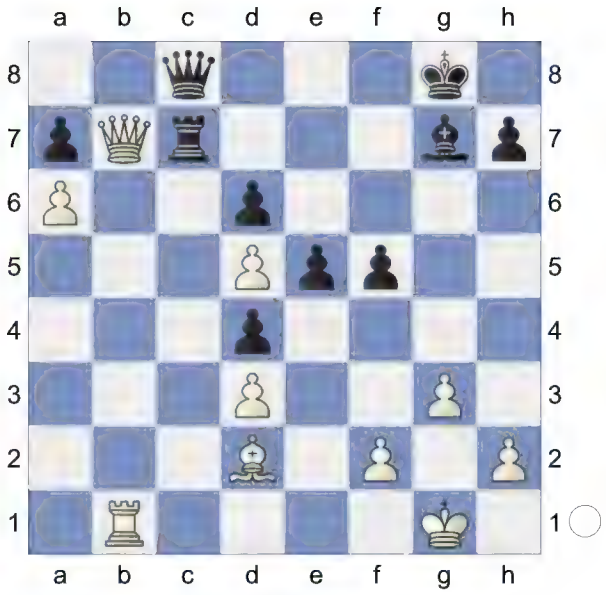


28.exf5 gxf5

[28...Rxb7 29.axb7 Qb8 *(29...Qxf5? 30.b8Q+ Bf8 31.Bh6+-)* 30.fxg6+-]

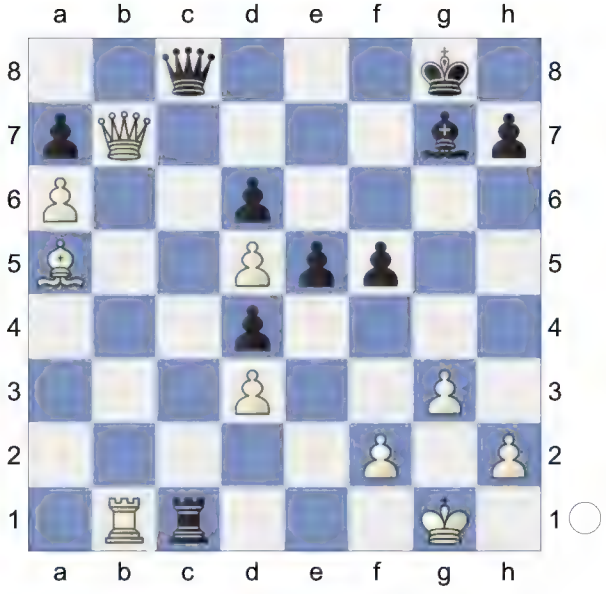
[28...e4 29.Bf4]

(Diagram)



29.Ba5! Rc1+

[Of course not 29...Rxb7 30.axb7 Qb8 31.Bc7 Qxc7 32.b8Q+ *(32.b8R+? Bf8-+)* 32...Qxb8 33.Rxb8+ Bf8 34.Ra8+-]



30.Rxc1! Qxc1+

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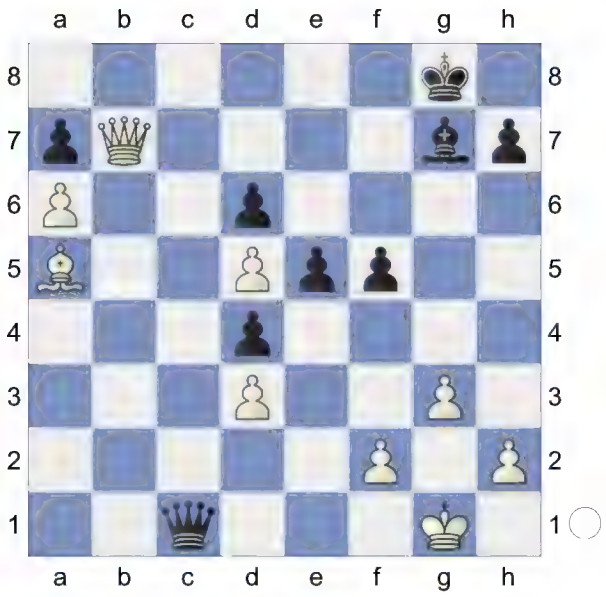
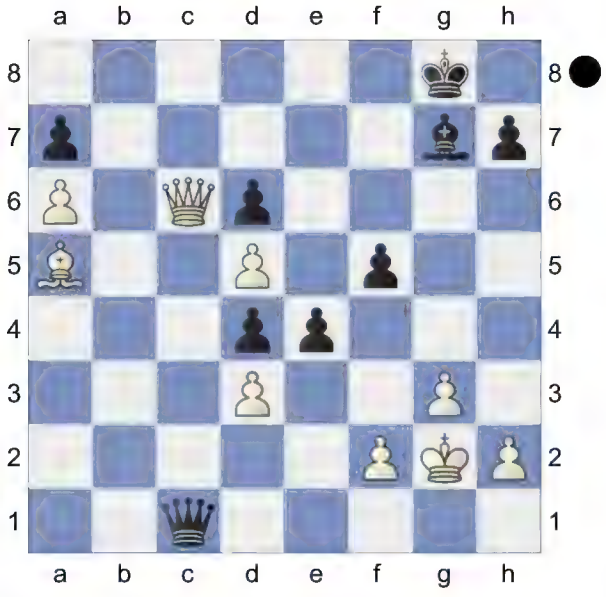


31.Kg2 e4 4.80/21
[31...f4 3.04/18 was worth a try. 32.Qxa7 f3+ Decoy 33.Kxf3 Qh1+ 34.Ke2 e4 35.Qb8+ Bf8]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.40
32.Qc6
[32.Qxa7 Qd1 33.dxe4 fxe4+-]



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69 **A21**
□ **Dudyev,Vladimir** **2560**
■ **Kusnetsov,Sergei V** **2626**
corr Bohatirchuk-110 Memorial (Ukraine)
[Kitty Kat]

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 f5

6.e4 Nf6 7.exf5 gxf5 8.Bg5N
[8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 c6 10.Kh1 Be6 11.f4 Na6 12.h3 Qd7 13.Be3 e4 14.b3 d5 15.dxe4 fxe4 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.g4 Rfd8 19.f5 Bf7 20.f6 Bf8 21.Nd4 Nc5 22.Qd2 Ne6 1-0 (31) Flores,D (2532)-Mesias Rojas,R (2159) Asuncion zt 2.5 2023 (3) 23.Rad1 Nxd4 24.Bxd4 Qe6 25.Rf5 Rac8 26.Qg5+ Kh8 27.Re5 Qc6 28.Re7 Rd7 29.Rf1 Rcd8 30.Qh5 Kg8 31.Qxf7+ 1-0 Flores,D (2180)-Morasso,J Chivilcoy CLP op 1997]
8...c6 9.Nge2 White is slightly better.
9...Be6 10.0-0 Nbd7

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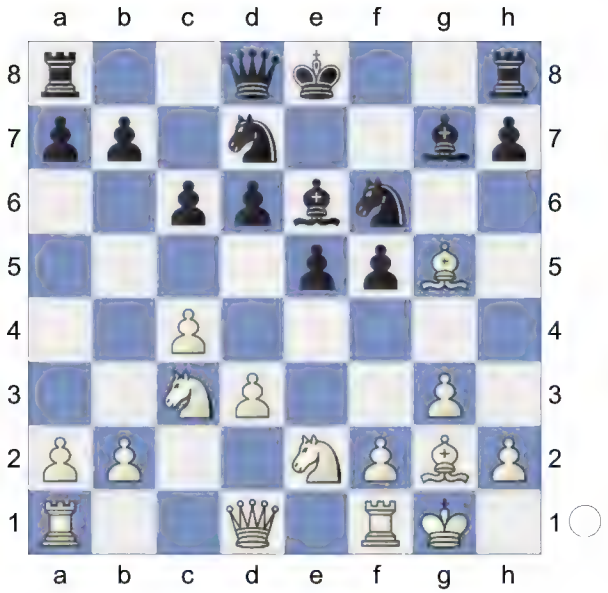
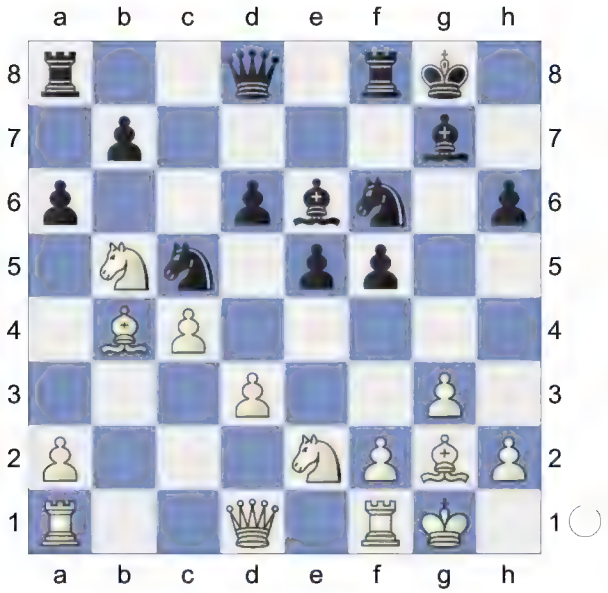
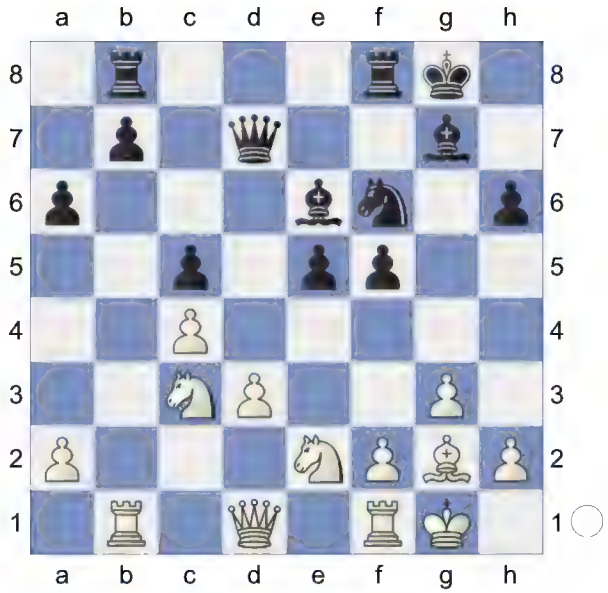


11.b4 0.21/20
[White should try 11.b3± 0.84/20]
11...h6 12.Bd2 0-0 13.b5 cxb5 14.Nxb5 Nc5 15.Bb4 a6



16.Nbc3 Qd7 17.Rb1 and Bxc5 would now be decisive **17...Rab8 18.Bxc5** 0.57/18
[18.d4± 0.99/19 exd4 19.Nd5 *(19.Nxd4 Bxc4 20.Nce2 Rfc8∓; 19.Qxd4 Nce4=)*]
18...dxc5±

(Diagram)



19.Rb6 Qf7 1.02/19
[19...Bf7± 0.60/18]
20.Qb1 Kh8

21.Rxb7 White is much more active.
[21.Bxb7 f4=]
21...Rxb7 22.Qxb7
[22.Bxb7? Rb8 23.Qb6 Rxb7-+]
22...e4! 23.Qb1 Black should prevent Nf4.
[23.Qxf7 simplifies Bxf7 24.dxe4 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 fxe4 26.Nf4]
Loses the game. **23...Nd7?** 1.85/18
[23...Nh5!= 0.10/21 and Black has

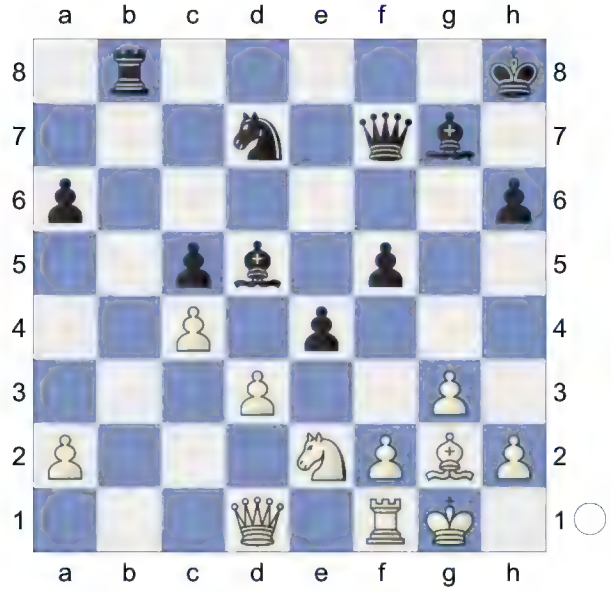
nothing to worry.]

24.Nd5!+-

[24.dxe4 Bxc4 25.Qc2 Ne5±]

24...Rb8 25.Qd1 Bxd5 2.65/16

[⌓25...Nf6 1.94/19 26.Ne3 Re8]



26.cxd5 Qxd5 27.Nf4 Qxa2 28.dxe4 Discovered Attack **28...Ne5 29.exf5**

[29.Qd6 Rb1 30.Qxc5 *(30.exf5 Qa1+-)* 30...Rxf1+ 31.Bxf1 fxe4 32.Qc8+ Kh7 33.Qf5+ *(33.Qxa6 Nf3+ 34.Kg2 Ne1+ 35.Kh3 Qxa6±; 33.Bxa6 e3±)* 33...Kh8 34.Qxe4 Kg8 35.Qa8+ Bf8]

29...Qf7 30.Qd6 Qf8

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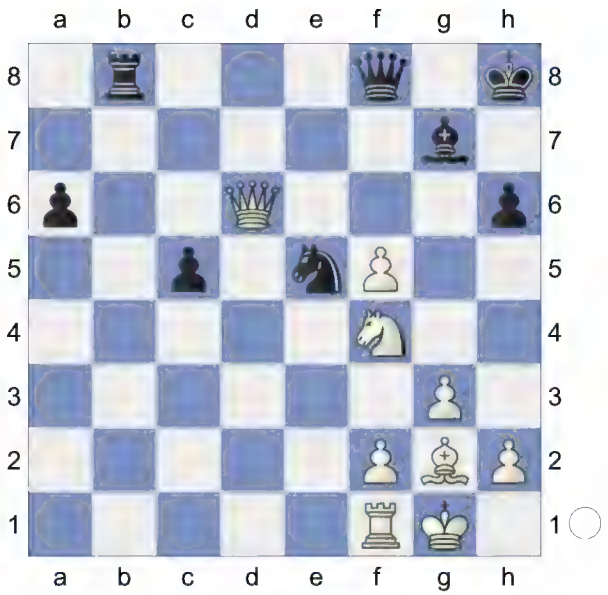
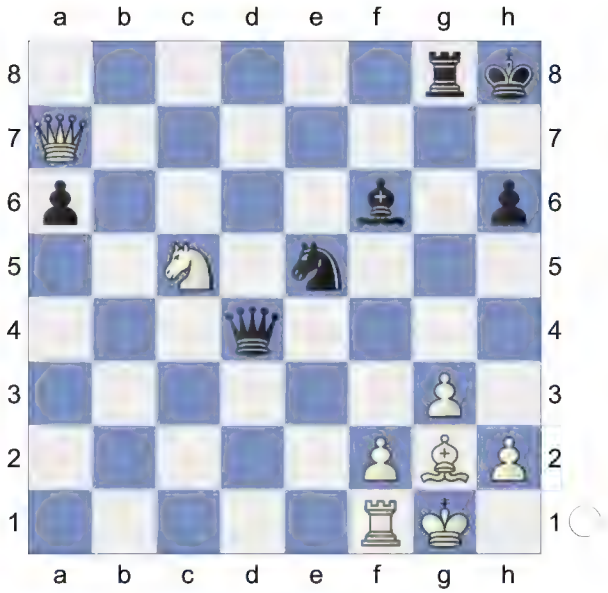


31.Qc7

[Not 31.Qxa6 Qxf5 32.Bd5 Qf6+-]

31...Rc8 32.Qa7 Qd6 33.Ne6 Rg8 34.Nxc5 Qd4 35.f6 Bxf6



36.Qxa6 Nf7

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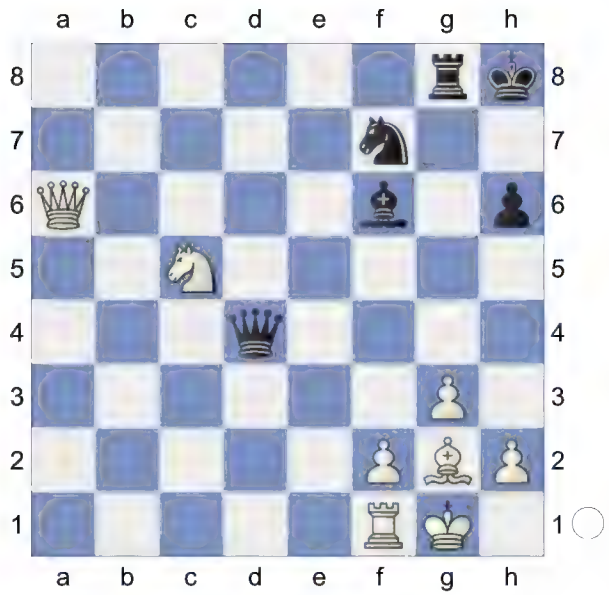
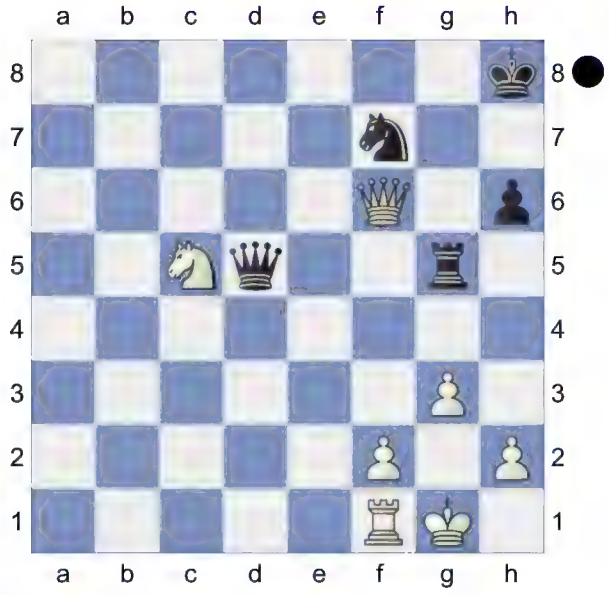


37.Bd5! Deflection **37...Rg5**
[37...Qxd5 38.Qxf6+]
38.Qe6
[But not 38.Bxf7 Rxc5 39.Re1 Kg7+-]
38...Qxd5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.34
39.Qxf6+



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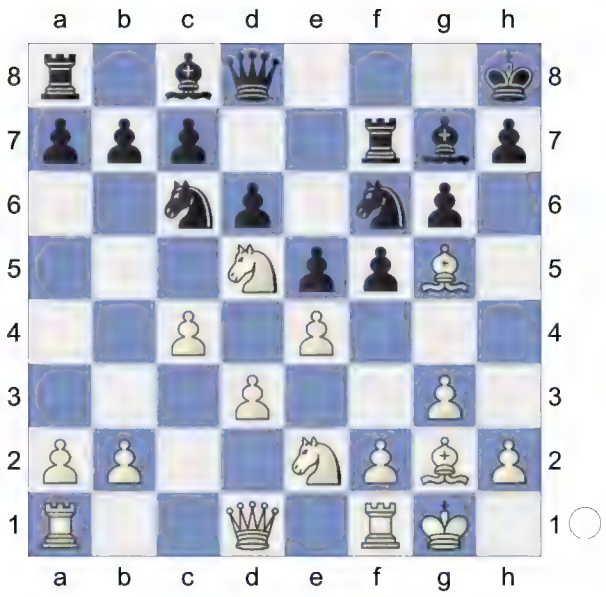
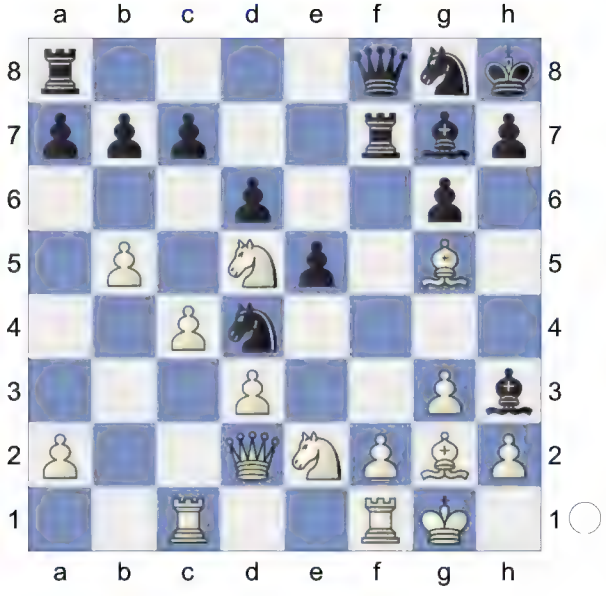
70 **A26**
□ **Marin,M** **2556**
■ **Milov,V** **2606**
3rd IECC Batumi GEO (3) 14.06.2002
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 e5 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 f5

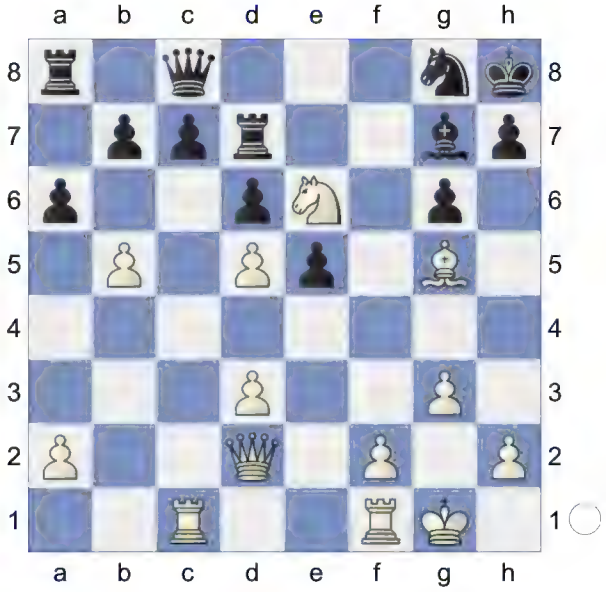
6.e4 Nc6 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd5 Kh8N 0.70/16
[⌓9...Be6 0.34/18]
[9...Nxd5 10.cxd5 Ne7 11.f4 c6 12.Be3 cxd5 13.exd5 Kh8 14.Qd2 Ng8 15.h3 Nf6 16.Kh2 b6 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rae1 Qd7 19.Bf3 Qf7 20.Qg2 Ba6 21.Rd1 Rae8 22.Rfe1 h5 23.a4 Bxd3 24.Rxd3 0-1 (36) 9.♗d3 ♗b7 70176 (2518)-Petrovic,V (2381) CRO-chT1A 25th 2016 (3)]
[9...Nh5 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.Nec3 Be6 12.a4 Nd4 13.Nb5 c6 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Nf4 Nxf4 16.Bxf4 6) The Botvinnik Setup vs. ..-Botvinnik: 4...e5 with 6...f5 1.c4: Simplified 2024]
10.Bg5± Rf7



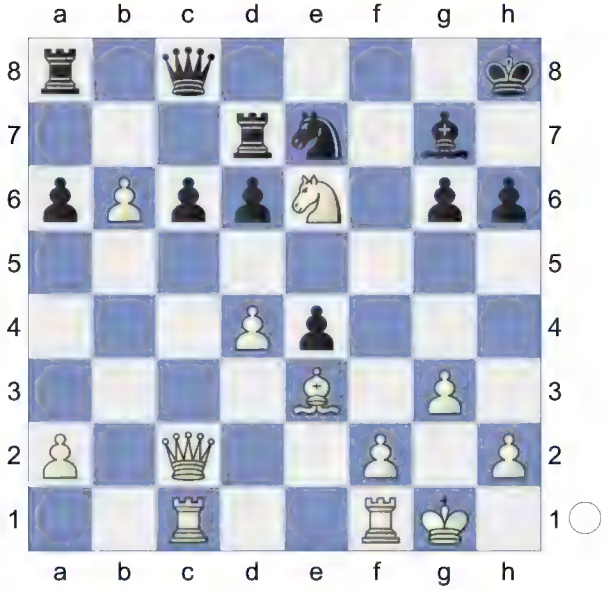
11.Qd2 Qf8 White is slightly better. **12.Rac1 Ng8 13.exf5** White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **13...Bxf5 14.b4 Nd4 15.b5**
[15.Rce1 simplifies h6 16.Be3 g5 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.b5]
15...Bh3 1.55/19



16.Nxd4±
[16.Bxh3 Nf3+ 17.Kg2 Nxd2-+]
16...Bxg2 17.Ne6
[17.Kxg2 exd4 18.f4 Qc8±]
17...Qc8 Threatens to win with ...Bf3.
18.Nd8↑ White has strong initiative.
[18.Kxg2?! Qxe6 19.Nc3 c6±]
18...Bxd5 2.25/18
[18...Rf5± 1.53/20]
19.cxd5+- Rd7 20.Ne6 a6? 3.78/18
[20...h6 2.20/18]



21.b6 c5 Black is weak on the dark squares **22.dxc6 bxc6 23.d4 h6 24.Be3 e4 25.Qc2 Ne7**



26.Qxe4 Rb8 27.Rb1 Qg8 28.Bd2 Qf7 29.Rfe1 Rdb7 30.a4 a5

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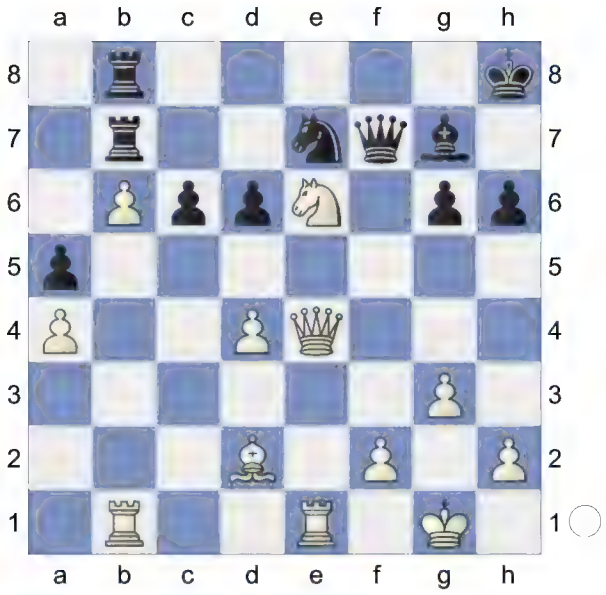
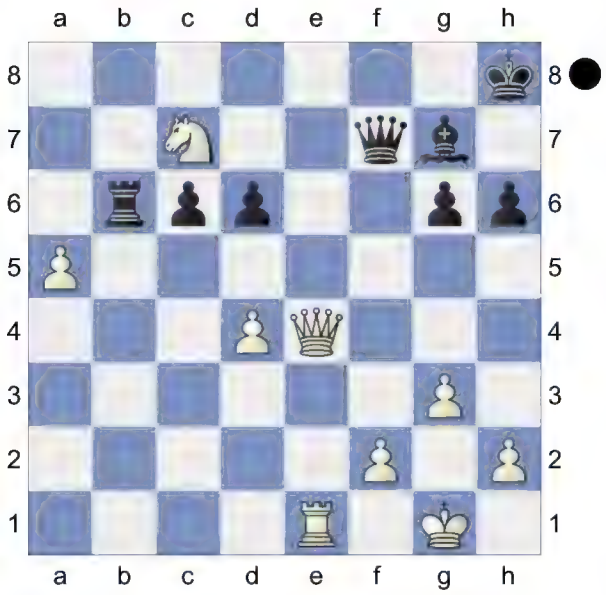


31.Bxa5 Nd5 32.Nc7 Nxb6 33.Bxb6 Rxb6 34.Rxb6 Rxb6 35.a5



Deflection **35...Rb8**

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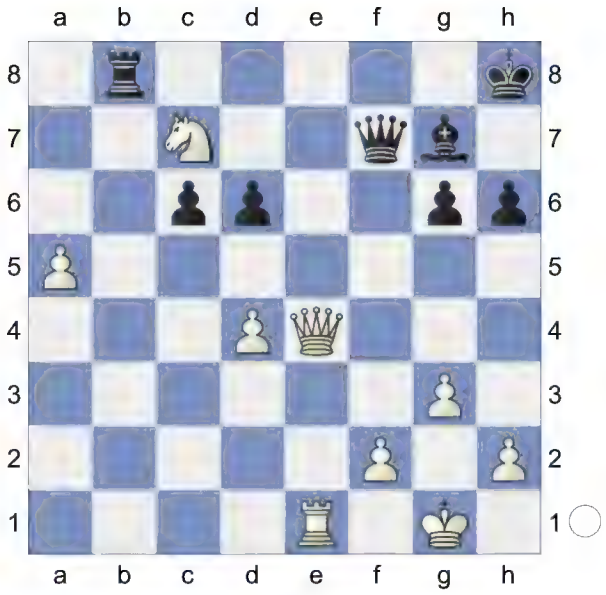


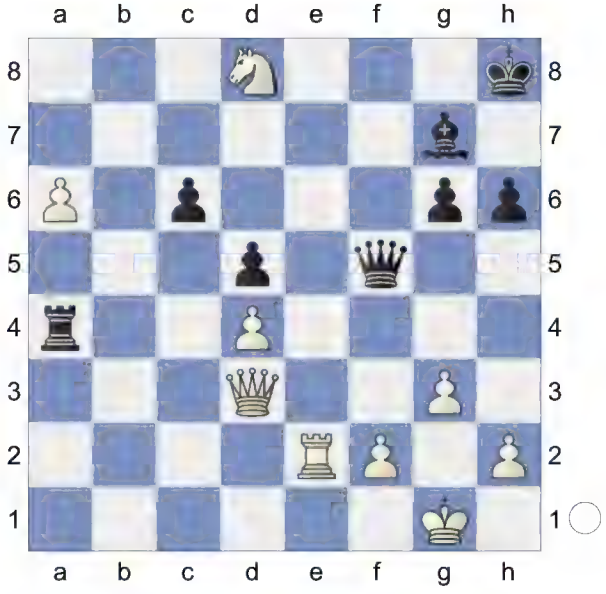
Prevents Qe8+. **36.Ne6** Against Rf8

[36.Qxc6 Bxd4 37.Re2 *(37.Qxd6? Qxf2+ 38.Kh1 Qf3#)* 37...Bc5+-]

36...Rb2 37.Re2

[37.Qxc6? Qxf2+ 38.Kh1 Qxe1#]

37...d5 38.Qd3 Rb4 39.a6 Ra4 40.Nd8 Qf5



41.Qxf5 gxf5 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **42.Re8+**

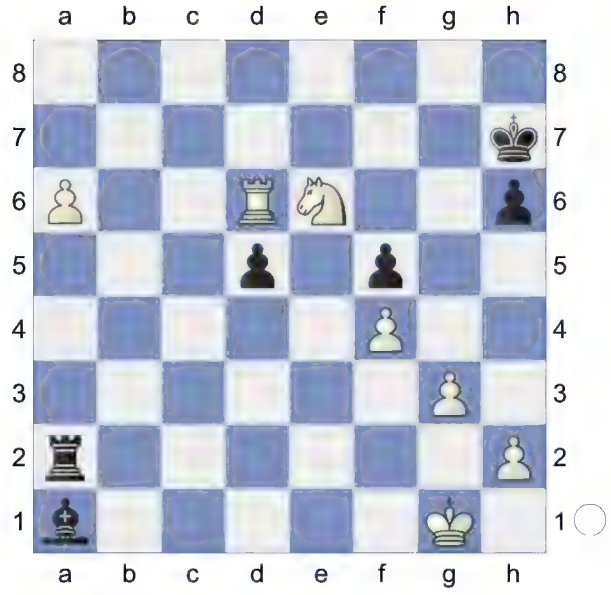
[42.Nxc6 Rxa6 43.Re6 Kh7±]

42...Kh7 43.Re7

[43.Nxc6 Rxa6 44.Nb4 Ra4 45.Nxd5 Rxd4±]

43...Kg6 44.Re6+
[44.Nxc6 Rxa6 45.Ne5+ Bxe5+-]
44...Kh7 45.Re7
[45.Nxc6 Rxa6 46.Kg2 Ra4+-]
45...Kg6

46.Re6+ Kh7 47.Rxc6
[47.Nxc6 Rxa6 48.Kg2 h5+-]
47...Bxd4 48.Ne6 Be5 49.f4 Ba1 50.Rd6 Ra2



51.h4? 1.47/19
[51.Rxd5 Rxa6 52.Nc5 Ra5±]
[51.Kf1+- 3.85/21 is more deadly.]
This move loses the game for Black.

51...Kg8? 4.44/21
[51...Kg6± 1.47/19]
52.Nc7 Discovered Attack
[52.Rxd5 Rxa6 53.Nc7 Rf6±]
52...d4 5.37/21
[52...Bd4+ 3.78/18 keeps fighting. 53.Kf1 Rf2+ 54.Ke1 Ra2]
53.Nb5 Kf7 54.Rxh6 Strongly threatening a7. **54...Ke7?** 6.73/19
[54...d3 3.75/18 55.Rd6 Ke7]
55.Kf1 d3

56.Rd6
[Much less strong is 56.Rh7+ Kf8 57.Rh5 *(57.a7 Bg7+-)* 57...Rxa6 58.Rxf5+ Bf6+-]
56...Bf6 57.Rxd3 Rxa6 58.Nc7 Ra2 59.Nd5+ Ke6 60.Nc7+ Ke7

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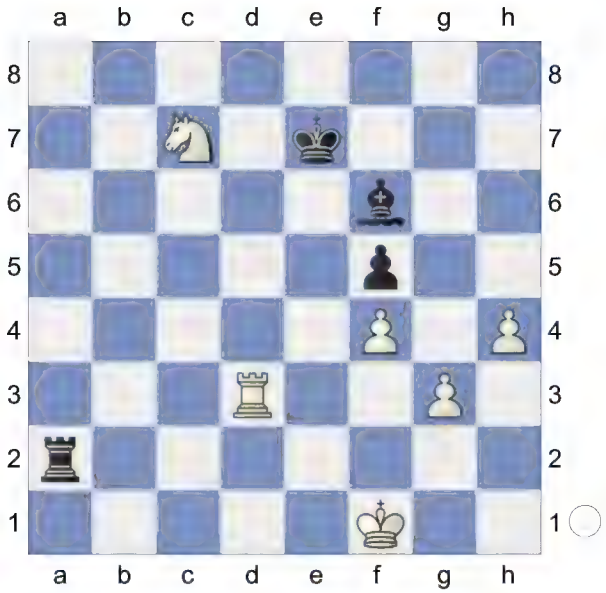
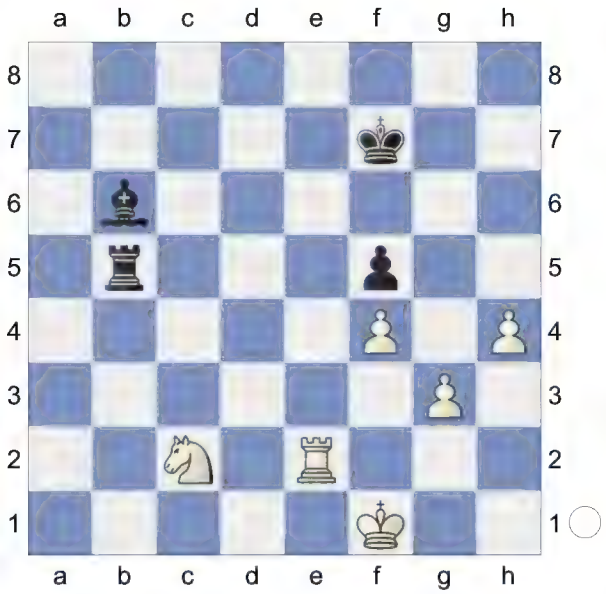
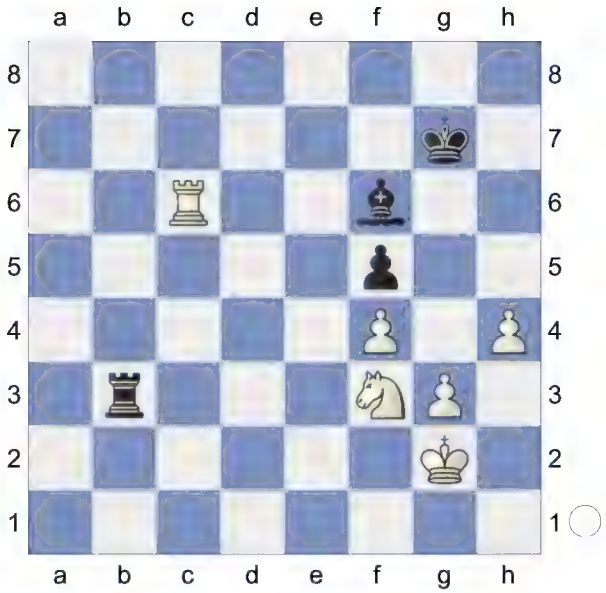


61.Re3+ Kf7 62.Nd5 Bd4 63.Re2 Ra5 64.Nb4 Rb5 65.Nc2 Bb6

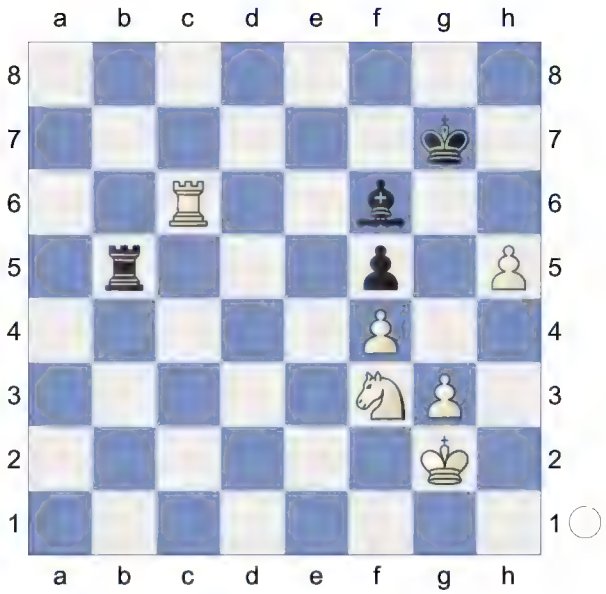


66.Kg2 1.71/17
[⌓66.Ne1 3.75/18]
66...Kg6? 4.12/19
[66...Rb2 1.71/17 67.Kh3 Bc5]
67.Ne1 Rb3 68.Nf3 White is clearly winning. **68...Bd8 69.Re6+ Bf6** 6.81/20
[⌓69...Kf7 4.78/17]
70.Rc6 Kg7

(Diagram)



71.h5 Rb5 Wards off Ne5 **72.Rc7+ Kh6 73.Rc6 Kg7**



74.h6+! Kf7 75.Kh3 Rb1

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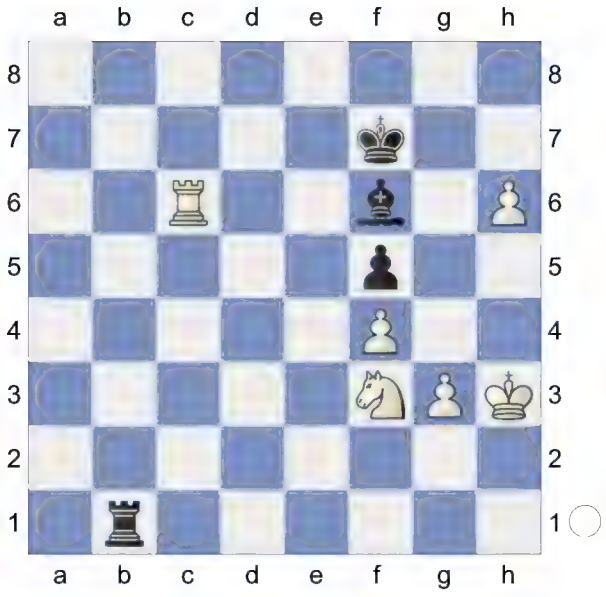

76.Nh4 Rb5 77.Rc7+ Ke6 78.h7 Rb1

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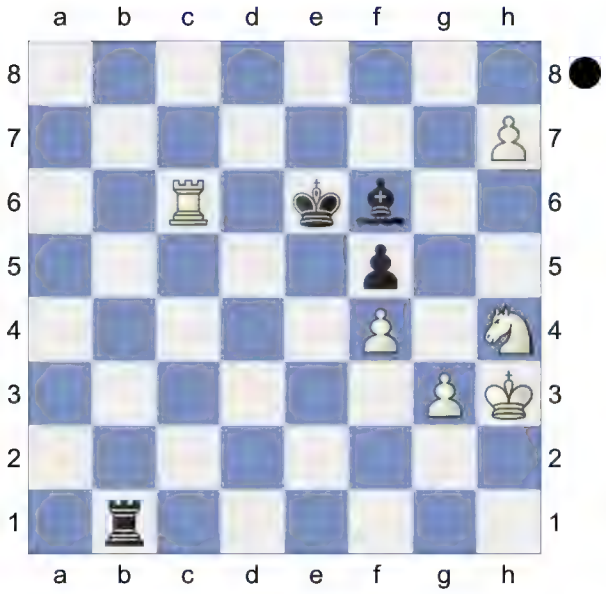
79.Rc6+



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71 **A36**

□ **Miezis,N** **2552**

■ **Leko,Peter** **2747**

38th Olympiad (2) 14.11.2008

[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7 Yermolinsky,A; Atalik,S: 'Inf 72/20'

1.c4 e6 2.e4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 g6N

[4...Nf6 5.f4 *(5.Bg2 d5 6.exd5 exd5 7.cxd5 Nb4 8.d3 Bf5 9.Qe2+ Qe7 10.Be4 Nxd3+ 11.Bxd3 Bxd3 12.Qxe7+ Bxe7 13.Be3 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 Bc4 15.d6 Bxd6 16.b3 Ba6 17.Nf3 h6 18.Rd2 Rd7 19.Rhd1 Rhd8* Hopfgartner,H (2097)-Atalik,S (2561) Oberwart 2005 CBM 107 [Atalik,Suat] 0-1*)* 5...d5 6.e5 Nd7 7.d3 Nb6 8.Nf3 *(8.b3 Be7 9.Bg2 f6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Bd7 12.a4 a5 13.Nb5 f5 14.Qe2 Nb4 15.Be3 d4 16.Bd2 Bxb5 17.axb5 a4 18.bxa4 Nxa4 19.Ng5 Bxg5 20.Bxb7 Ra5 21.fxg5 Nc3 22.Qf3 Qb6* Miezis,N (2505)-Atalik,S (2595) New York 1998 CI1-130 [Yermolinsky,Alex; Atalik, Suat] 0-1 *)* 8...Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bg2 a5 11.a4 Nb4 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Qe2 Bc6 14.Ba3 Qd7 15.Rad1 d4 16.Bxb4 axb4 17.Ne4 Rae8 18.Bh3 Nc8 19.Rde1 Strichalski,J (2501)-Nolden,H (2325) USSR 25/636 2001 200 Traps In The Opening [lainMackintosh] 1-0 (34)]

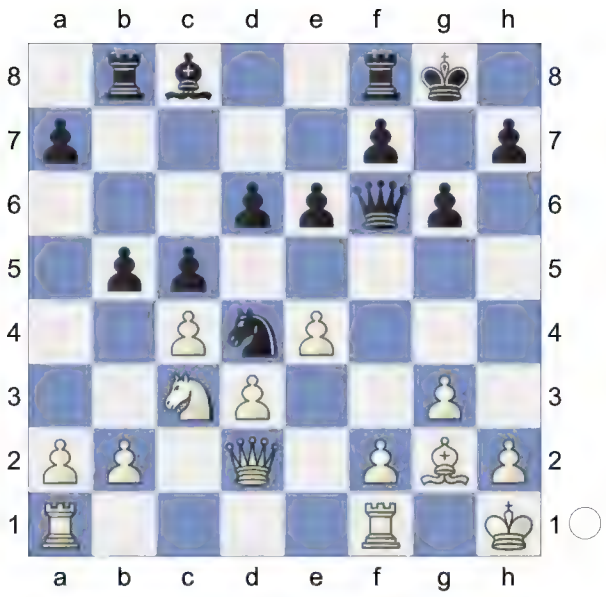
5.d3 Bg7

(Diagram)

6.Bg2 Nge7 7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Qd2 Nec6

11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 Qf6 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 The position is equal. **14.Kh1 Rb8 15.Qd2 b5**

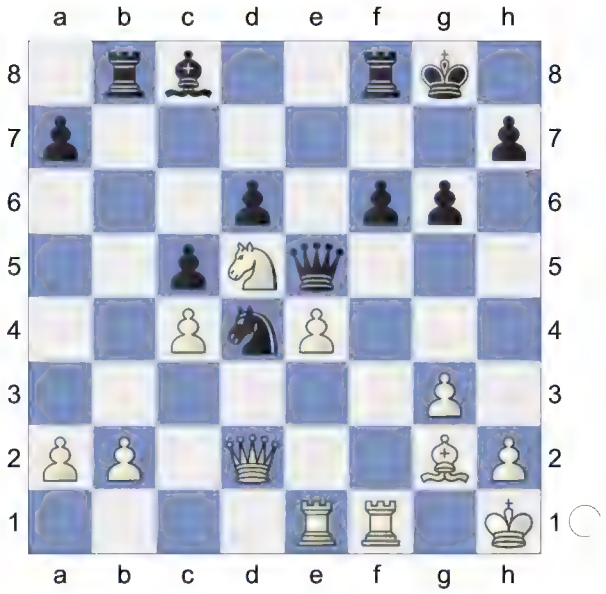
(Diagram)



16.f4 bxc4 -0.02/21

[16...b4∓ -0.53/20]

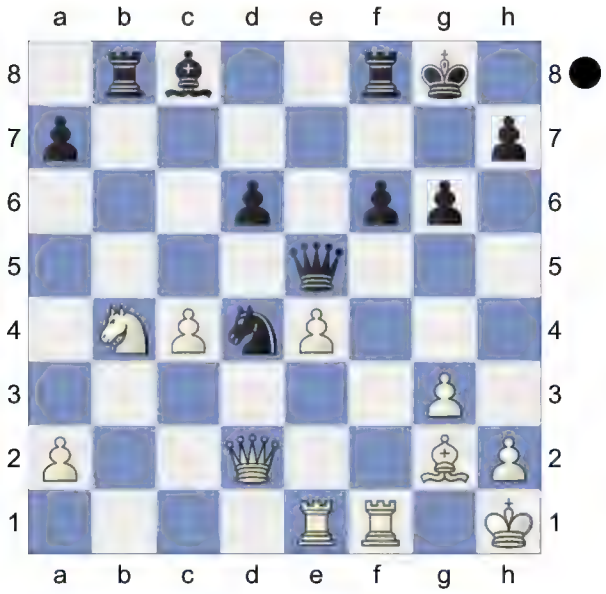
17.dxc4= Qg7 18.Rae1 e5 19.fxe5 Qxe5 20.Nd5 f6



21.b4 cxb4

(Diagram)

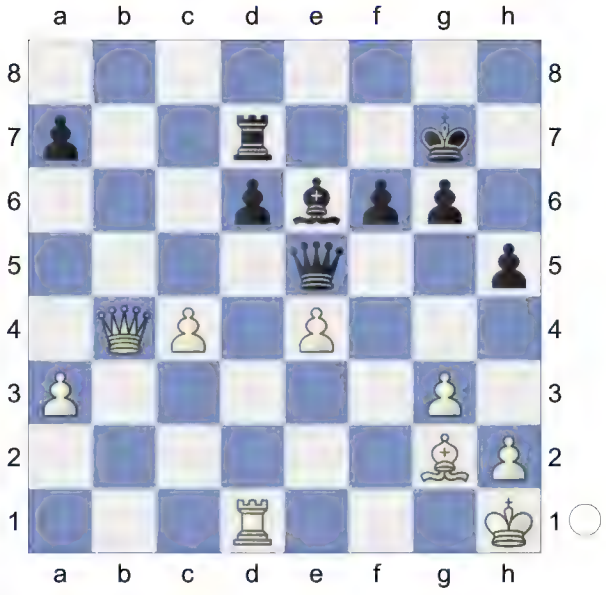
22.Nxb4 -0.93/22
[22.Rf5!= 0.01/22 keeps the balance. gxf5 *(22...Qe6 23.Rf4)* 23.exf5]



22...Rxb4!∓ 23.Qxb4 Threatens to win with Rd1. **23...Nc2! 24.Qd2 Nxe1 25.Rxe1 Be6**

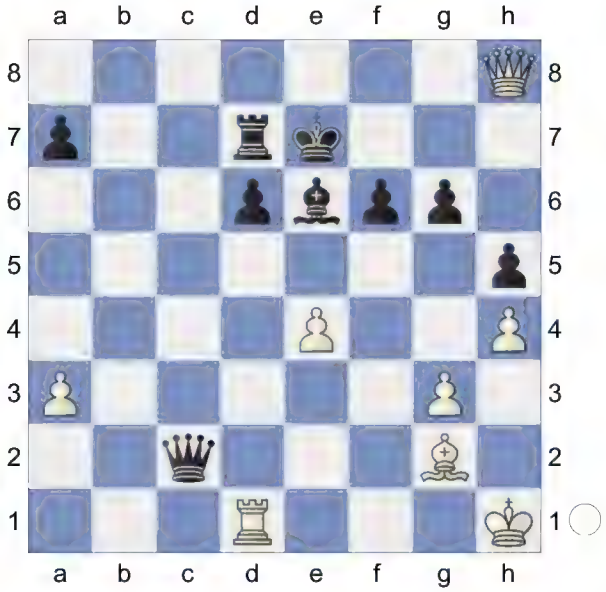
(Diagram)

26.Rd1 Rd8
[26...Bxc4?! 27.Qxd6 Qxd6 28.Rxd6∓]
27.Qb4 Rd7 28.a3 Kf7 29.Qb8 Kg7 Inhibits Qh8+. **30.Qb4** -1.56/23
[⌓30.Qe8 -0.94/23]
30...h5 -0.93/22
[⌓30...a5 -1.56/23 31.Qb5 Qc3]



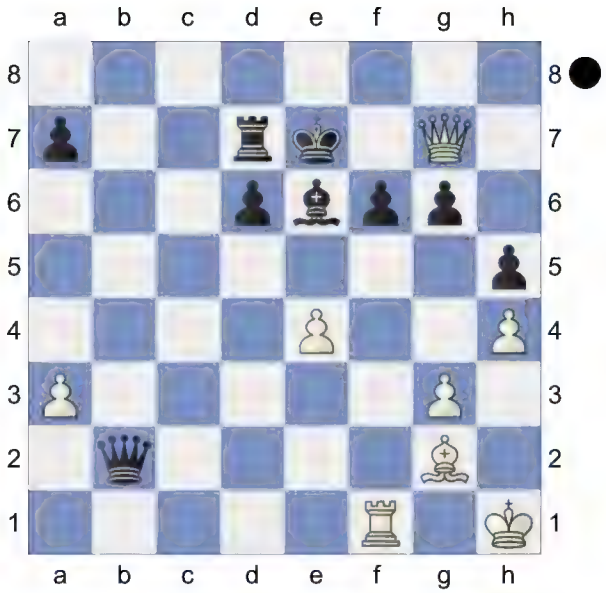
31.Kg1 -1.43/21
[⌓31.Rc1 -0.93/22]
31...Kf7 -0.90/21
[⌓31...a5 -1.43/21 32.Qb5 Qc3]

32.Kh1 Ke7 33.Qb8 Qc5 34.Qh8 -0.93/23
[34.h4∓ -0.60/22]
34...Qxc4 35.h4 Qc2→
[35...Rd8?! 36.Qg7+ Bf7 37.e5 *(37.Rf1 Qc3=)* 37...dxe5 38.Rxd8 Kxd8 39.Qxf6+ Kd7 40.Bh3+ *(40.Qxe5 Qc1+ 41.Kh2 Qxa3=)* 40...Be6 41.Qf7+ Kd6 42.Qxg6=]

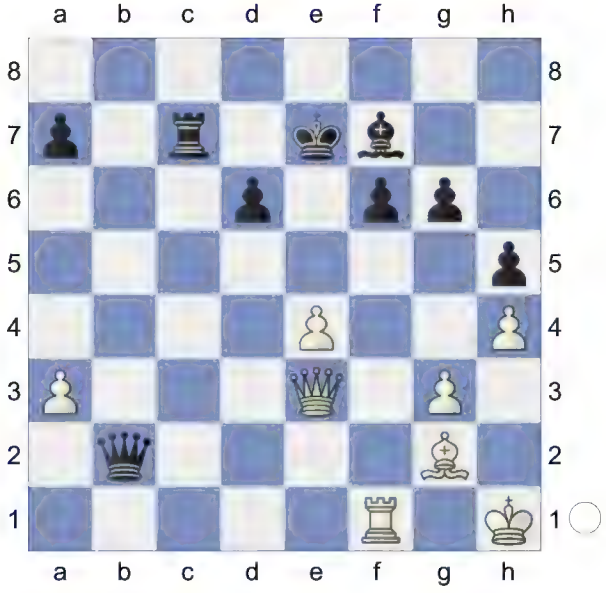


Black is out for blood. **36.Rf1 Qb2**
37.Qg7+ -1.33/21
[Better is 37.Qh6∓ -0.68/22]

(Diagram)

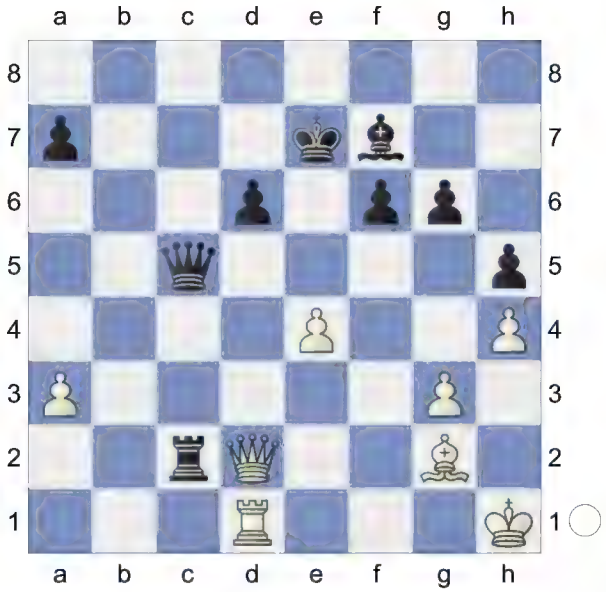


37...Bf7! 38.Qh8 -1.95/23
[Wrong is 38.Bh3? Rc7 39.Rf3 Rc1+ 40.Bf1 Ra1-+]
[38.Rd1∓ -1.51/21]
38...Rd8 -1.36/24
[38...Rc7-+ -1.95/23 And now ...Rc1 would win. 39.a4 Rc1 40.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 41.Kh2 Qa3]
39.Qh6 Rc8 Inhibits Rc1. **40.Qe3 Rc7**



41.Qf4 -2.18/23
[41.a4∓ -1.40/23]
41...Rc2-+ 42.Rd1 Qe5 -1.12/22
Active counter play!

[⌓42...Qb6 -1.44/24 43.Bf1 Ra2]
43.Qe3 -2.21/21
[43.Rb1∓ -1.12/22]
43...Qc5 44.Qd3 Rc3 45.Qd2 Rc2? 0.01/20
[Don't blunder 45...Rxa3? 46.Rb1∓]
[And not 45...Qxa3 46.e5 fxe5 47.Qg5+ Ke8 48.Rb1 Rxg3 49.Rb8+ Kd7 50.Rb7+ Kc8 51.Rb8+ Kd7 52.Rb7+ Kc8 53.Rb8+ Kd7=]
[45...Rxg3-+ -3.31/23 46.Rb1 Rg4 47.Rb7+ Ke8 48.Rb8+ Kd7]



46.Qd3= White does not recover from this. **46...Rc1 47.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 48.Kh2**

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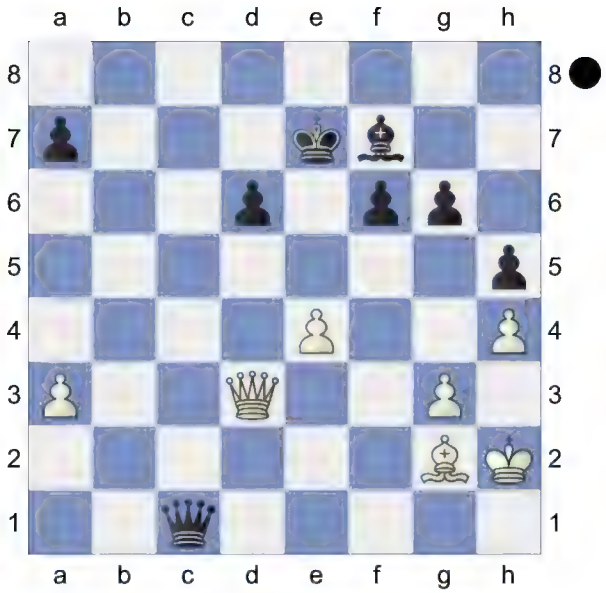
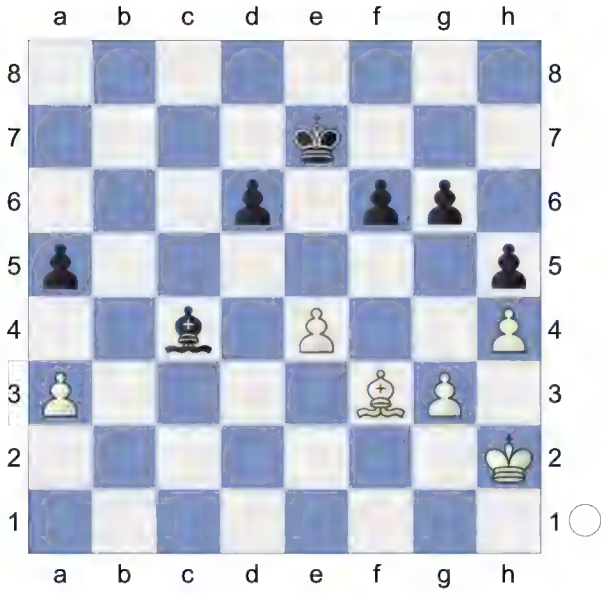
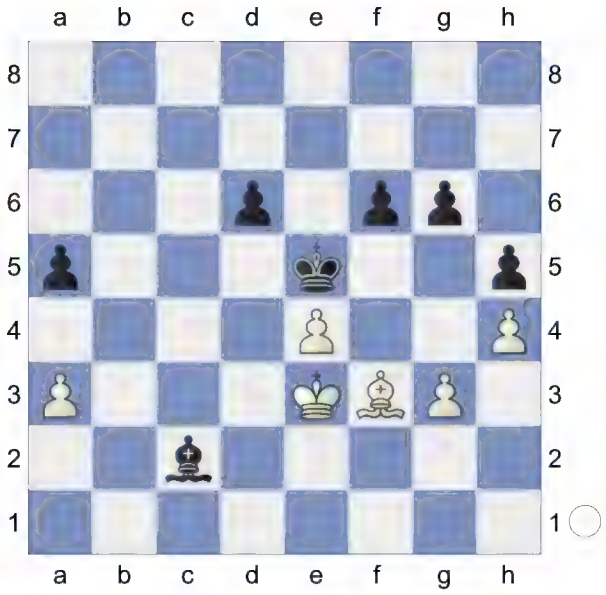


a5! 49.Bf3 Qc4 50.Qxc4 Bxc4-+

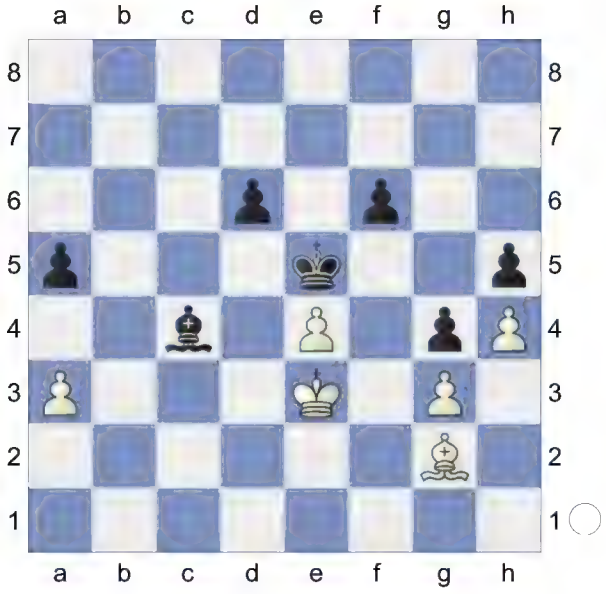


Endgame KB-KB **51.Kg1 Bb5 52.Bd1 Bd3 53.Bf3** -5.46/34
[53.Kf2 -3.24/31 Bxe4 54.Ke3]
53...Ke6 Hoping for ...Ke5. Black is clearly winning. **54.Kf2 Ke5 55.Ke3 Bc2**

(Diagram)



56.Bg2 g5 ...g4 is the strong threat.
57.Bf3 -7.48/27 **g4 58.Bg2 Bb1**
59.Bh1 Ba2 60.Bg2 Bc4



61.Bh1 Bf1 62.Kf2 Bb5 63.Ke3 Bc6

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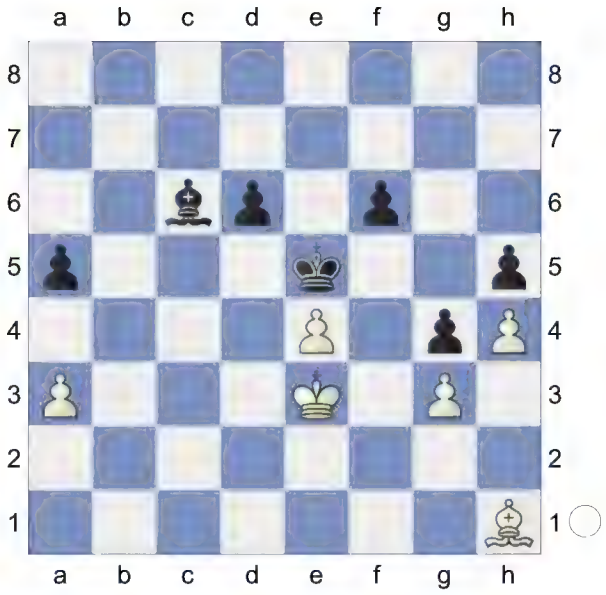

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72 **A26**
□ **Wahls,Matthias** **2539**
■ **Dinstuhl,V** **2416**
Bundesliga 2002-3 (9) 12.01.2003
[TA]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 e5 5.d3 f5

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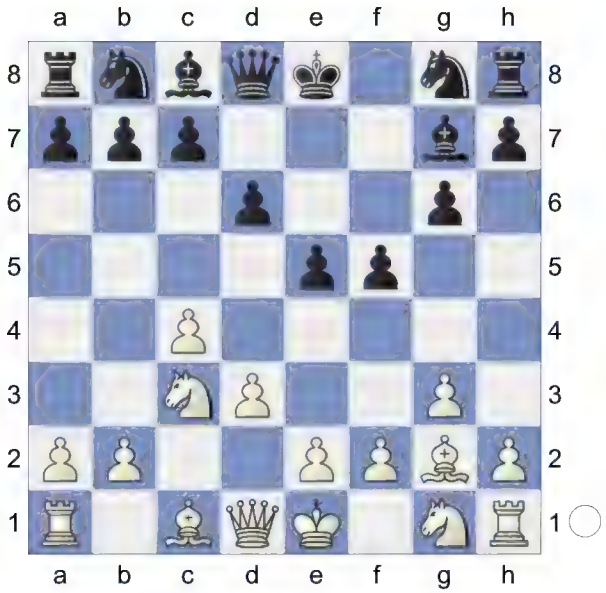


6.e4 Nh6 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.h4 Be6 0.79/21

[8...Nf7± 0.43/19 9.h5 g5 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.Bd5 h6 12.Be3 Qd7 13.Qb3 Nd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.Qxb7 0-0 16.Bc6 Qe6 17.Bd5 Qf6 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Rab8 20.Qd5 Rxb2 21.f4 Kh8 22.c5 dxc5 23.Qxc5 Nd6 ½-½ (46) Pina,J (2640)-4.Nc3 a6 5.Bg5 (2590) USSR 12/124 1971 (6)]

9.Bg5N

[9.Nd5 Nf7 10.Be3 Qd7 11.h5 gxh5 12.Rxh5 fxe4 13.Bxe4 h6 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.f3 Ng5 16.Bxg5 hxg5 17.Rxh8+ Bxh8 18.0-0-0 Nd4 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Qa3 c6 21.Qxa7 Rd8 22.Nb6 Qf7 23.Rh1 Bg7 (24) Adorjan,A (2560)-Romanishin,O (2560) 42/(33) Szirak 1986]

9...Qd7 10.Nd5 And now Bxh6 would win. White is better. **10...Ng8**

(Diagram)

11.Qb3 Rb8 12.0-0-0 h6 13.Be3 Nf6 14.exf5 0.59/18

[14.Nxf6+± 0.97/19 Bxf6 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Nc3]

14...Bxf5± 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6

16.Bd5 Kf8 0.96/18

[16...Ne7± 0.53/17]

17.f3± Kg7 1.68/17

[Black should play 17...h5!± 0.70/19]

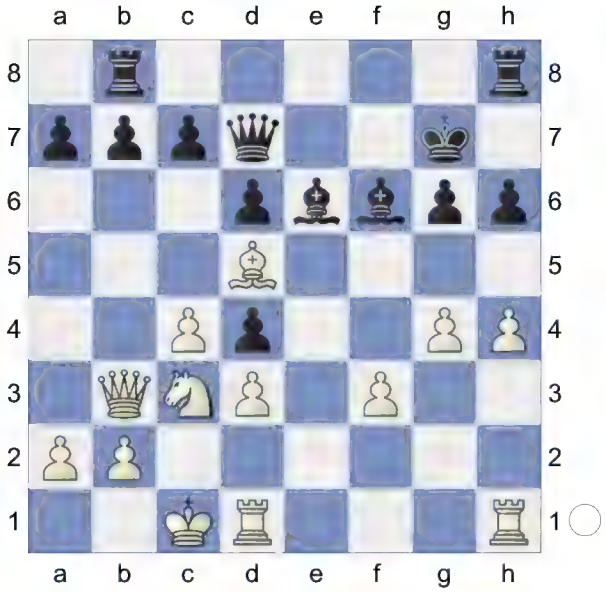
18.g4+- Be6 19.Nc3 0.74/20

[19.g5+- 1.64/18 hxg5 20.hxg5]

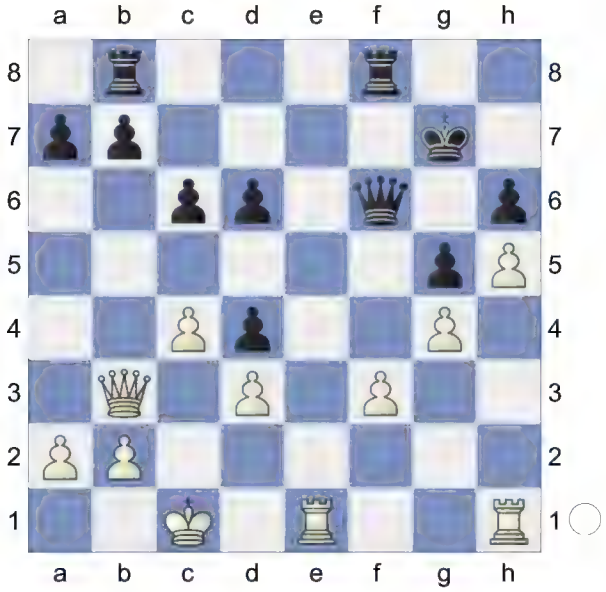
19...Nd4± 20.Bxd4 0.25/18

[White should try 20.Qa3± 0.73/17]

20...exd4=



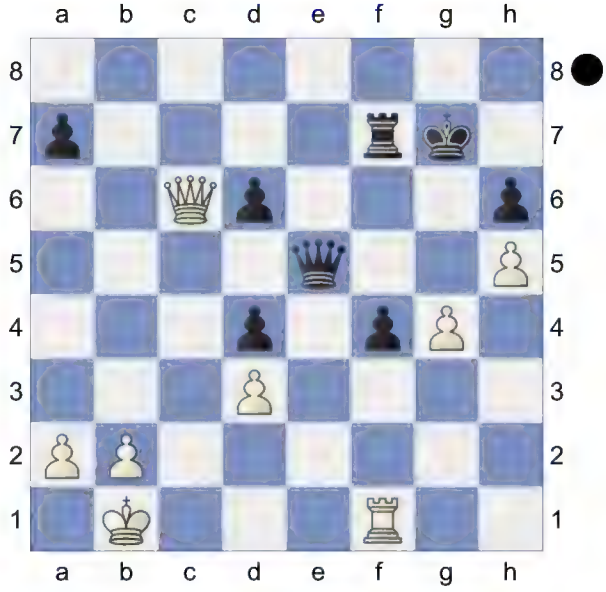
21.Bxe6 Qxe6 22.Nd5 c6 23.Nxf6 Qxf6 24.h5 g5 25.Rde1 Rhf8



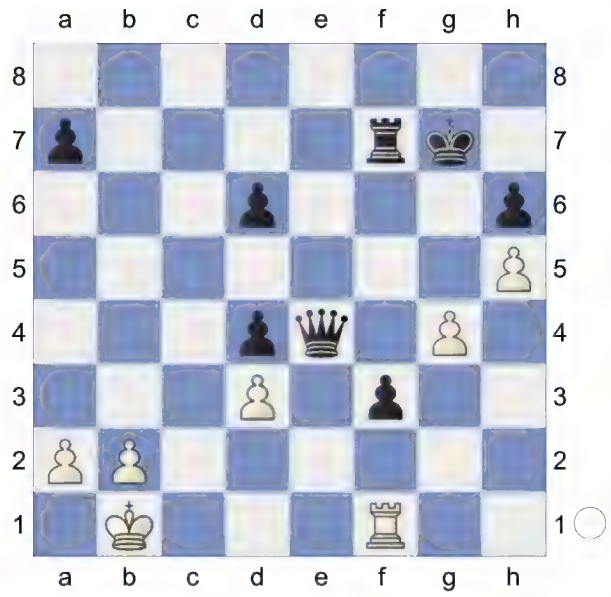
26.Rhf1 Rf7 27.Qd1 -0.06/23
[27.c5± 0.35/19]
27...b5 28.cxb5 Rxb5 29.Re2 Re5 30.Rxe5 Qxe5

(Diagram)

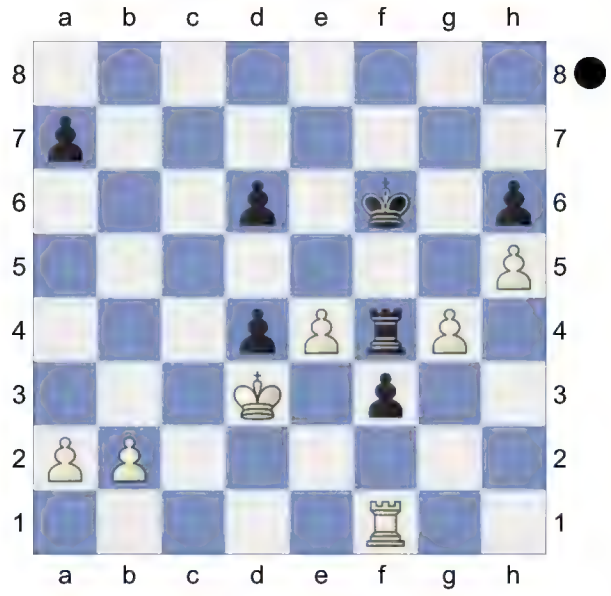
Endgame KQR-KQR **31.Kb1 Re7 32.f4?** -1.91/20 **gxf4-+** ...Kf6 would now be deadly. **33.Qf3 Rf7 34.Qxc6?** -3.99/23
[34.a4 -2.07/19 Qe3 35.Qe4 Qxe4 36.dxe4]



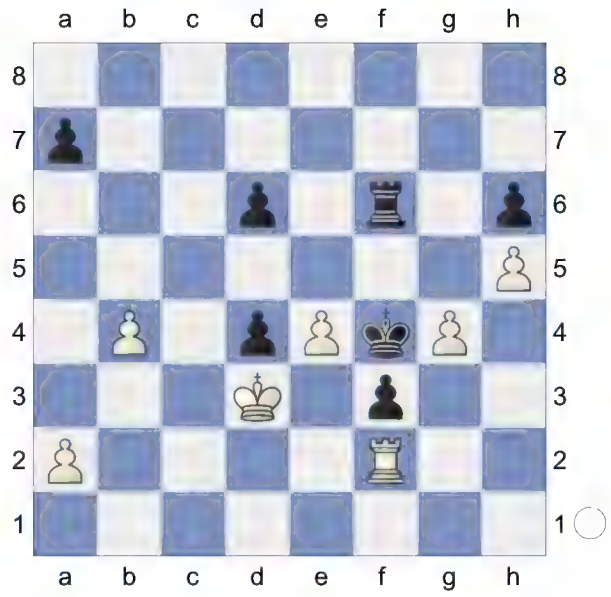
34...f3! 35.Qe4
[35.Rxf3? loses. Qe1+ 36.Kc2 Qe2+ 37.Kb3 Qxf3-+ *(37...Rxf3? 38.Qb7+ Kf6 39.Qc6-+)*]
[35.a4 Qe2]
35...Qxe4



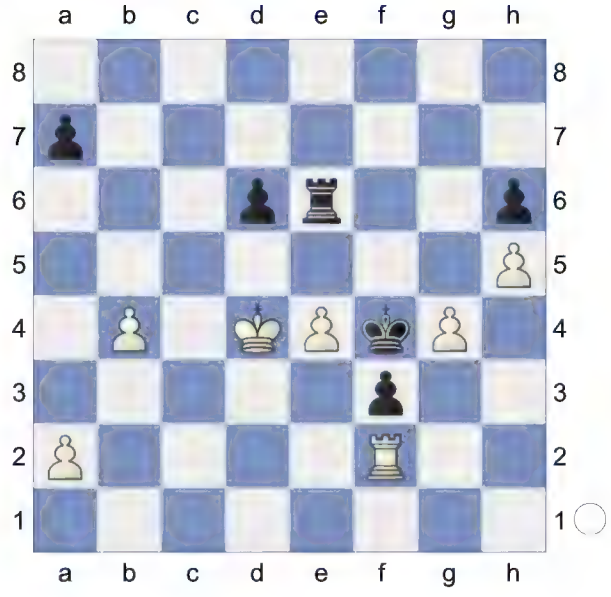
36.dxe4 KR-KR **36...Rf4 37.Kc2 Kf6!**
[37...Rxe4 38.Rxf3 Rxg4 39.b4=]
38.Kd3



Ke5
[38...Rxg4 39.Rxf3+ *(39.Kxd4 Ke6∓)* 39...Ke6 40.Rf8= *(40.Kxd4 d5=)*]
39.Rf2? -6.53/20
[39.b4 -3.96/19 f2 *(39...Rxg4 40.Rxf3 Rxe4 41.a4∓)* 40.b5]
39...Rf6 Black is clearly winning.
[39...Rxg4 40.Rxf3 Rxe4 41.Rf7 Re3+ 42.Kd2∓]
40.b4 Kf4



41.Kxd4 Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
41...Re6



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73 **A26**
□ **Balog,I1** **2537**
■ **Soltanici,R** **2422**
8th Arad Open 2015 (8.4) 11.08.2015
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 g6 5.d3 Bg7

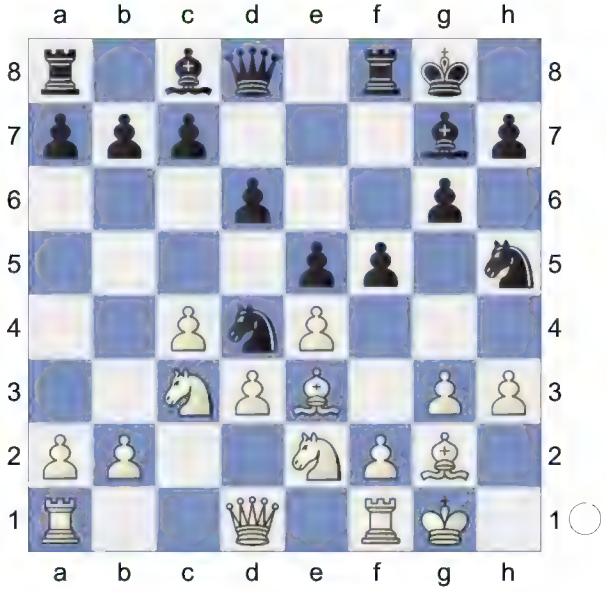
6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 Nh5 9.Be3 Nd4 10.h3N

[10.f3 f5 11.Qd2 f4 12.gxf4 Nxe2+ 13.Nxe2 Nxf4 14.Nxf4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Bxb2 16.Rab1 Bd4+ 17.Kh1 b6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.Bh6 Chess Informant Eco Chess Informant ECO A4 2000]

[10.Qd2 c6 11.f4 *(11.Rae1 f5 12.Bg5 Nxe2+ 13.Rxe2 Qc7 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.h3 Be6 16.b3 Rae8 17.Rfe1 Qd7 18.Kh2 Rf7 19.Ne4 b6 20.Bh6 Rff8 21.Bxg7 Nxg7 22.d4 d5 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.Ng5 e4 25.f3 exf3* ½-½ (78) Kamsky,G-Khanin,S 8: Korchnoi Memorial 2018 *26.Nxf3 Qd6 27.Ng5 Bd7 28.Re5 Bc6 29.h4 h6 30.Nh3 Kh7 31.Nf4 Rf5 32.Rxe8 Bxe8 33.Bh3 Rf6 34.Re5 Bf7 35.Bg4 Qd8 36.Qe3 Rc6 37.Re7 Rc7 38.Rxc7 Qxc7 39.Qd3 Qe7 40.h5 Qg5* (78) Theory Model Games-Kamsky,G *)* 11...Nxe2+ 12.Nxe2 *(12.Qxe2 exf4 13.gxf4 f5 14.c5 fxe4 15.dxe4 Qh4 16.Qc4+ Kh8 17.cxd6 Nxf4 18.Bd4 Qg5 19.Bxg7+ Kxg7 20.Qd4+ Kg8 21.Rxf4 Rxf4 22.Qc4+ Kg7 23.Qd4+ Qf6 24.Qxf6+ Kxf6 25.Ne2 Rg4 26.Rf1+ Ke5* 0-1 (40) 11.g4 ♔h8 12.♗e3_15860-7.♘f4 ♗d6 8.♘gh5_71697 Poikovsky 104/66 2008*)* 12...exf4 13.gxf4 f5 14.Rac1 Nf6 15.h3 Be6 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nh5 18.d4 Bf7 19.Bf3 c5 20.Bxh5 gxh5 21.Bh6 Bxh6 22.Qxh6 cxd4 23.Kh2 Bg6 24.Nf4 Qe8 1-0 (40) Winants,L (2495)-Nijboer,F (2530) B Wijk 1994 (6)]

10...f5 0.57/20

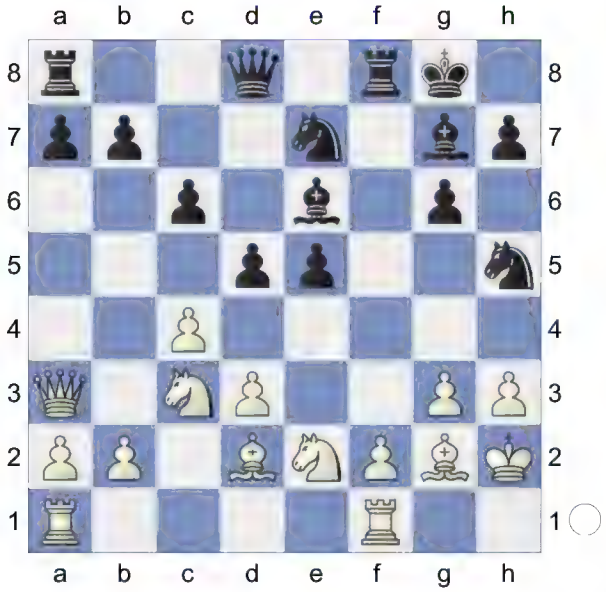
[10...c6= 0.18/20 is more appropriate.]



11.exf5± Nxf5 12.Bd2 White is slightly better. **12...Ne7** 0.88/20

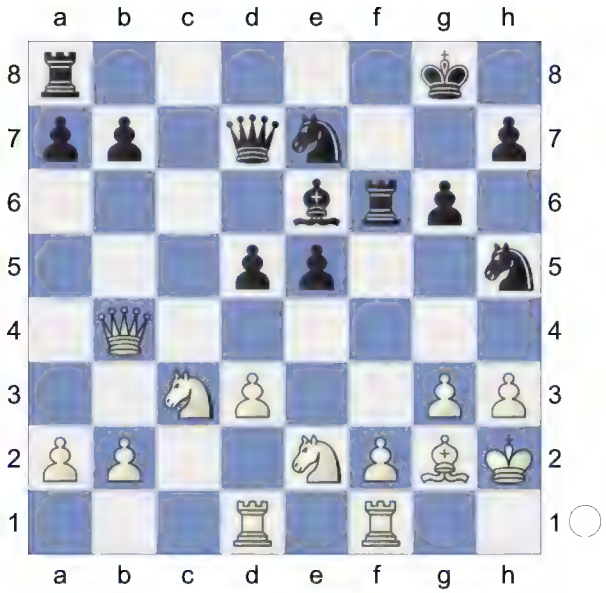
[12...Nf6± 0.51/21]

13.Kh2 0.49/19
[13.Qb3± 0.88/20]
13...c6 14.Qb3 Be6 1.13/20
[Better is 14...Nf6± 0.55/20]
15.Qa3 0.17/20
[15.Qxb7± 1.13/20 a5 16.Na4 *(16.Bxc6? Rb8-+* Skewer *)*]
15...d5 0.56/23
[15...Nf6= 0.17/20]

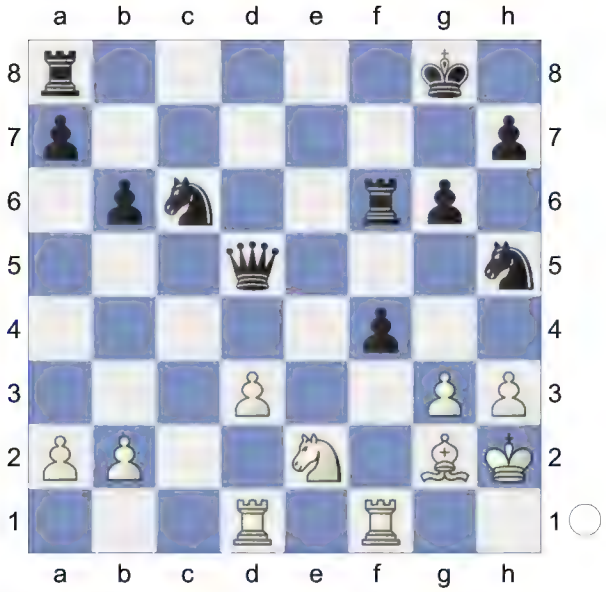


16.Bg5 Rf7 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Rad1 Bf6 19.Bxf6 Rxf6 20.Qb4 0.16/20
[White should play 20.d4± 0.75/19 e4 21.f3]
20...Qd7

(Diagram)



21.f4 Nc6 22.Qc5 b6 0.34/21
[22...exf4!= -0.23/20 23.Nxf4 Nxf4 24.gxf4 Ne7]
23.Qb5 exf4 1.23/21
[23...a6!± 0.31/20 24.Qxb6 exf4]
24.Nxd5± Bxd5
[24...fxg3+? 25.Nxg3 Rxf1 26.Rxf1+-]
25.Qxd5+ Qxd5



26.Bxd5+ Kg7 27.g4 0.77/22
White is more active.
[⌓27.Nxf4 1.27/22 Nxf4 28.Rxf4]
27...Re8 1.23/24

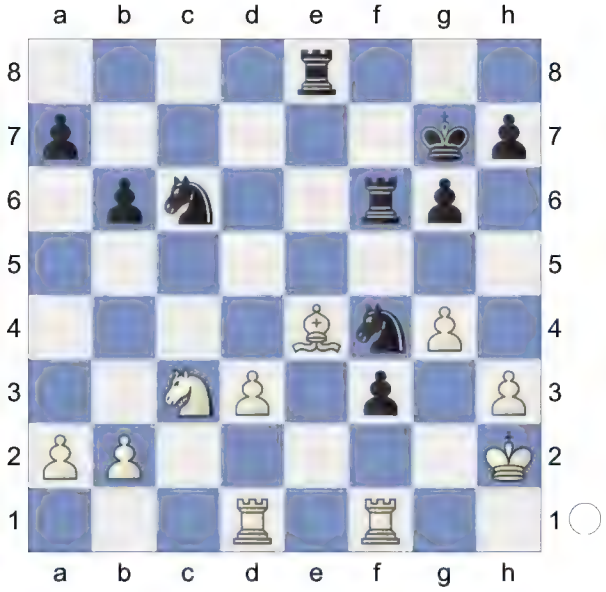
[⌓27...Rd8 0.77/22]

28.Be4 f3 29.Nc3

[29.Bxf3 Rxf3 30.Rxf3 Rxe2+ 31.Kg1 Nf6=]

[29.Rxf3 Rxe4 30.dxe4 Rxf3∓]

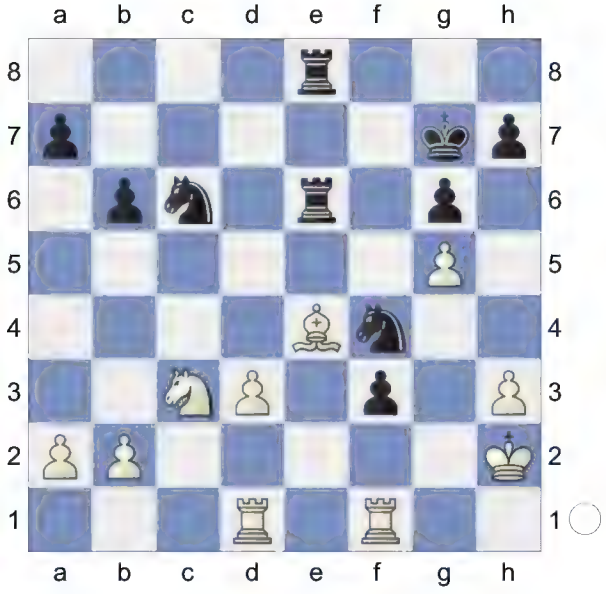
29...Nf4



Against Nd5 **30.g5!**↑ White has strong initiative.

[30.Rxf3?! Nd4 31.Rf2 g5=]

30...Rfe6



31.Rxf3 Nh5 32.Rdf1 Ne5

Dodges Rf7+ **33.R3f2 Rd8**

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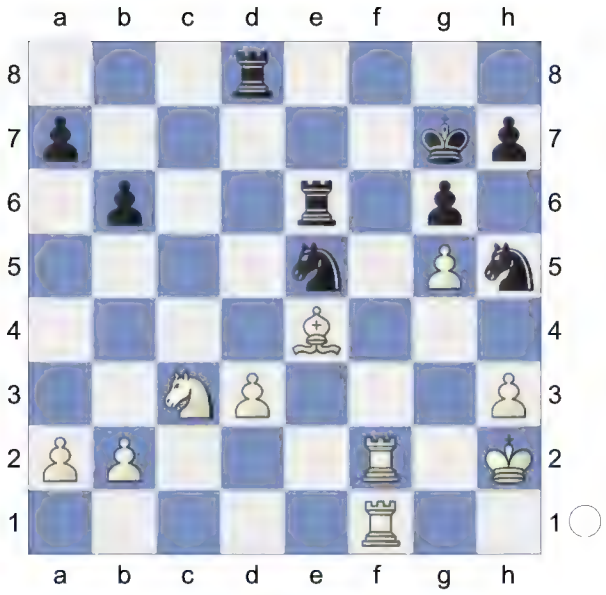
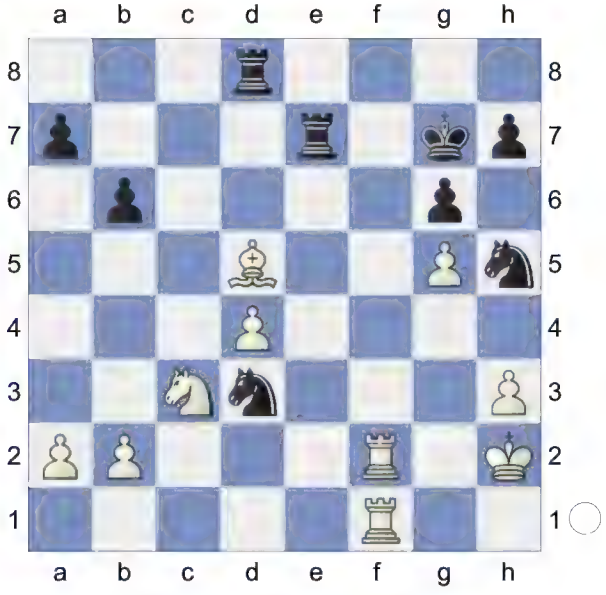


34.Bd5! Re7 35.d4 Nd3



36.Rf7+ Rxf7 37.Rxf7+ Kh8 38.b3? 1.12/20

[38.Rxa7+- 3.30/18 and White stays clearly on top. Black must now prevent b3. Nhf4 39.Bc4 Nxb2 40.Ne4]

A mistake that costs the game.

38...Nb4? 3.22/23

[38...Ndf4± 1.12/20]

39.Bc4+- a6 40.Ne4 b5

(Diagram)

41.Be6 Nc6 42.d5 Ne5 43.Ra7 Rf8 44.Bg4

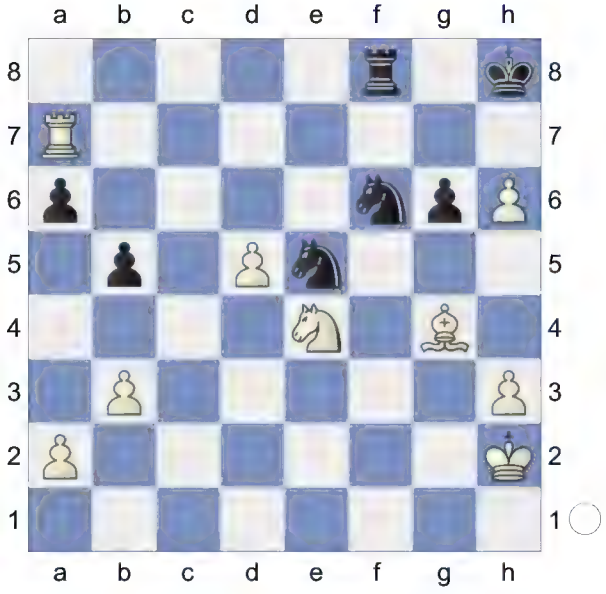
[Much less strong is 44.Rxa6 h6 45.d6 *(45.gxh6 Kh7+-)* 45...hxg5 46.Nxg5 Rf2+ 47.Kg1 Rd2+-]

44...h6? 6.75/20

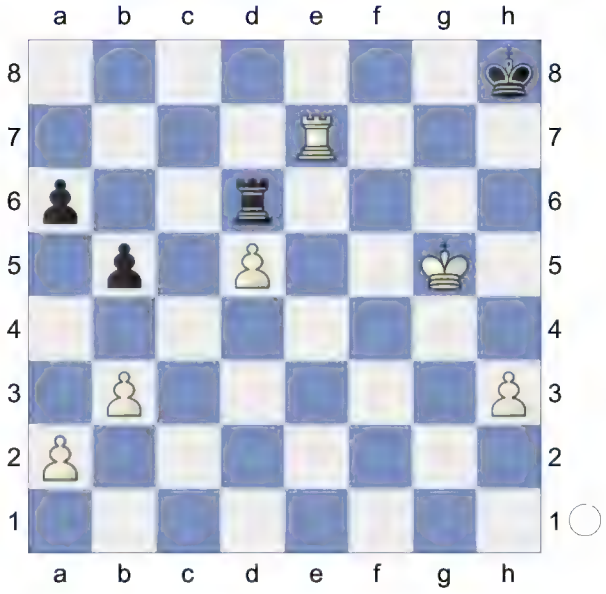
[44...Rf4 3.04/17 45.Bxh5 *(45.Ra8+ Kg7±)* 45...Rxe4]

45.gxh6 White is clearly winning.

45...Nf6



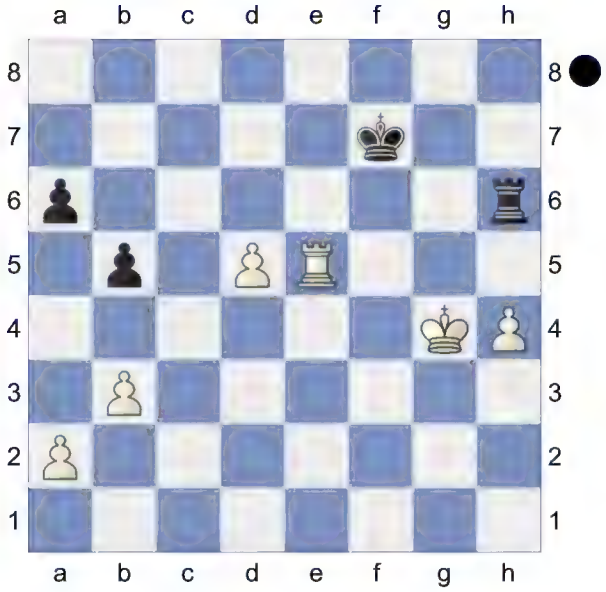
46.Nxf6 Rxf6 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up. **47.Kg3 g5 48.Re7 Nxg4 49.Kxg4 Rxh6 50.Kxg5** KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **50...Rd6**



51.Re5 Kg7 52.Kf4 Rh6 53.Kg4 Kf7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.48

54.h4



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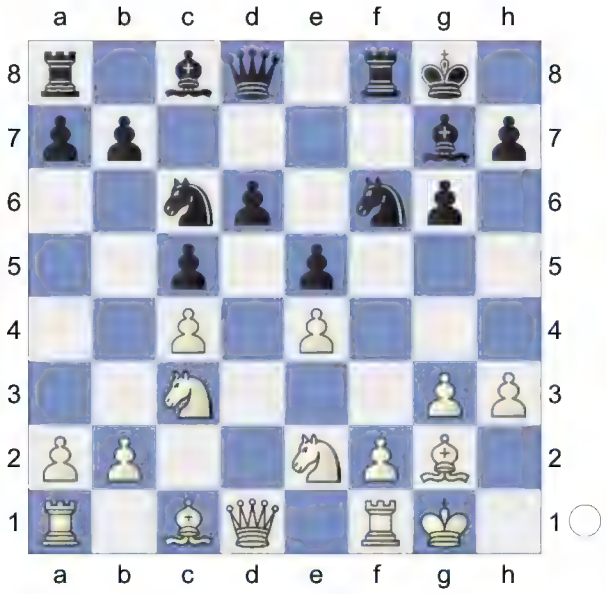
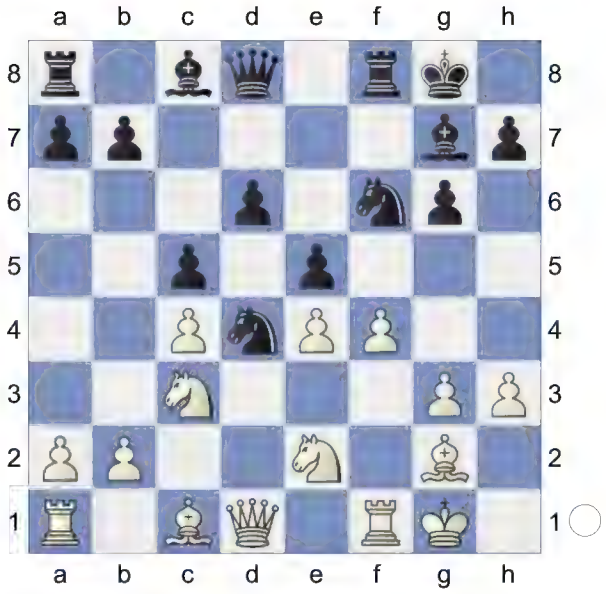
74 **A10**
□ **Damljanovic,Branko** **2535**
■ **Kindermann,Stefan** **2519**
EUCup 18th Chalkidiki (2) 23.09.2002
[TA]

A10: English Opening: Unusual Replies for Black
1.c4 Kitty Kat **1...f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 d6**

6.e4 fxe4 7.dxe4 0-0 8.Nge2 c5 9.h3 Nc6 10.0-0 e5!



The position is equal. **11.f4** **Nd4N** 0.65/20
[Kitty Kat: ' Better is' 11...Be6= 0.19/20 Kitty Kat: '=!' 12.Nd5 Qd7 13.Kh2 Rae8 14.Nec3 exf4 15.gxf4 Nd4 16.Be3 Nh5 17.Qd2 Rf7 18.Rab1 Ref8 19.b4 b6 20.bxc5 bxc5 21.Rf2 Qd8 22.Rbf1 Qh4 23.Nb5 Bxh3 24.Rh1 Bxg2+ 25.Kxg2 Qg4+ 26.Kf1 Ng3+ 0-1 Hennigan,M (2388)-Mcdonald,N (2449) Chess Classic FIDE Open 2010 (7)]



12.f5!± gxf5 13.exf5 Nxf5 0.90/22
[13...Bxf5± 0.54/22 14.Nxd4 Kitty Kat: ' Remove Defender' *(14.Bxb7? Bxh3 15.Bg2 Bxg2-+)* 14...cxd4]
14.Qd3 White has more active pieces. Kitty Kat: ' **±** ' **14...Nd4** **15.Bg5** White has strong compensation. **15...Be6**

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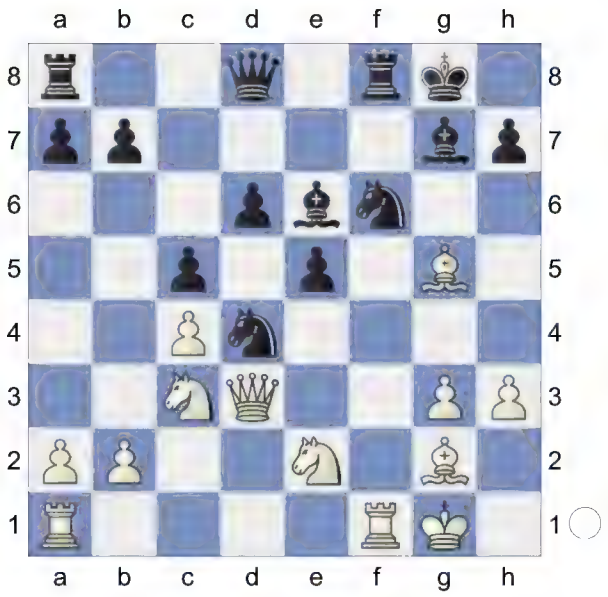
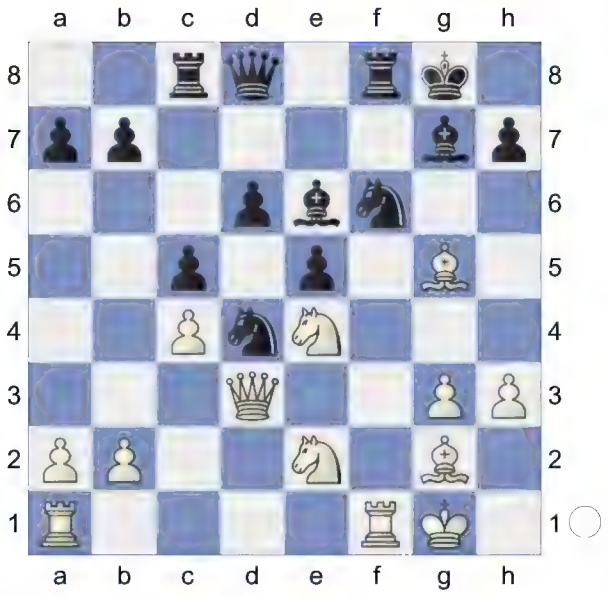


16.Ne4 Kitty Kat: '!'
[16.Bxb7?! Rb8 17.Bd5 Bxd5 *(17...Qc8* Kitty Kat *18.Bxf6 Rxf6)* 18.Nxd4 Ba8=]
[16.Bxf6 Rxf6 17.Nxd4 Rxf1+ 18.Rxf1 cxd4∓]
16...Rc8 2.20/20
[16...Kh8± 1.04/18]



17.N2c3!+- Rc7 18.Bh4 Bf5

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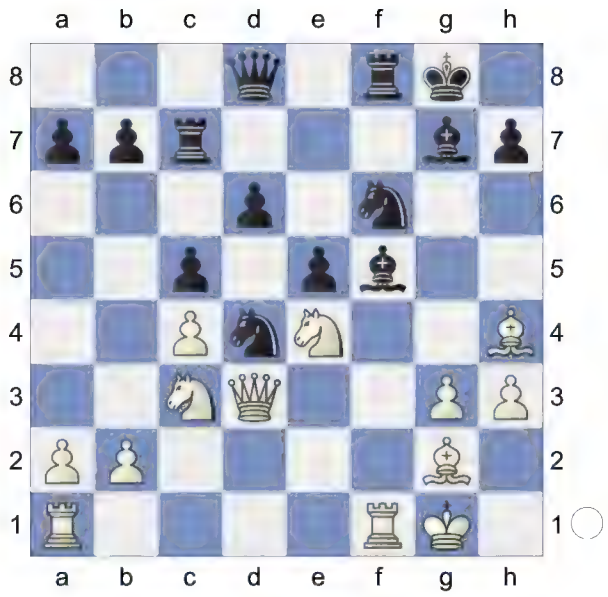
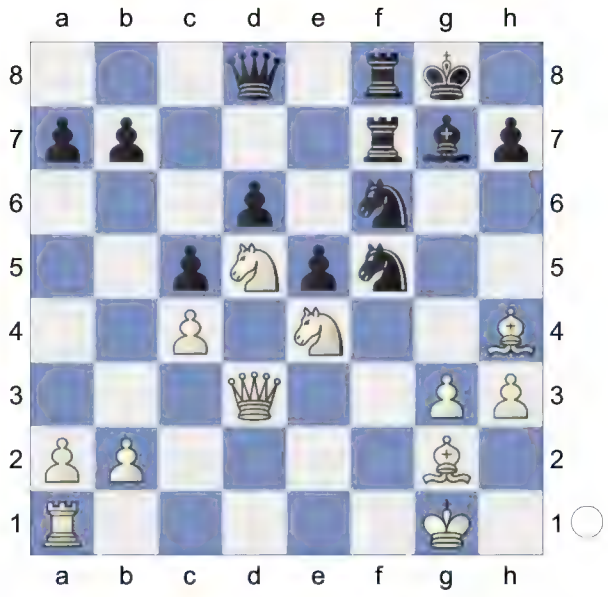
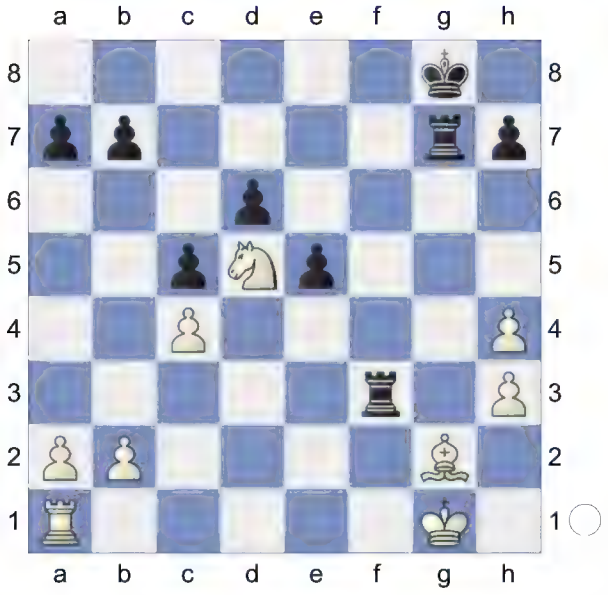


19.Nd5! Rcf7 20.Rxf5? 0.11/16
[White should try 20.Bxf6+- 1.68/21 Bxe4 Remove Defender 21.Bxe4 Bxf6 22.Bxh7+ Decoy Rxh7 *(22...Kh8* Kitty Kat *23.Be4)* 23.Qg6+ Bg7 24.Rxf8+ Qxf8 25.Rf1 Kitty Kat: ' ±' Ne2+ 26.Kg2 Nf4+ 27.gxf4]
20...Nxf5=

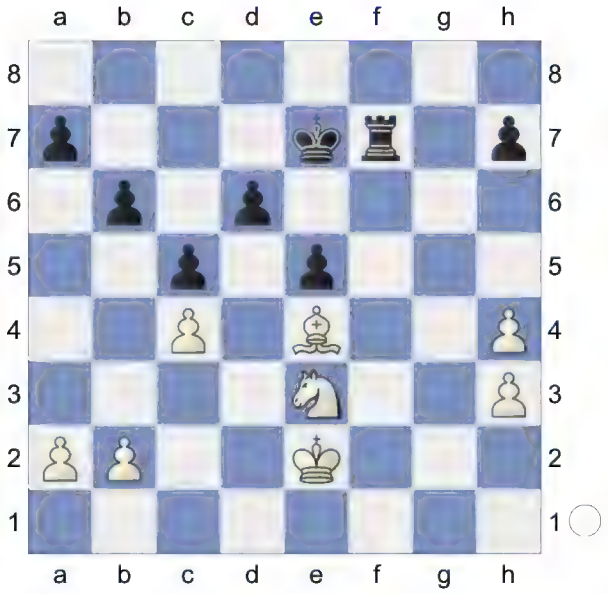


21.Nexf6+ Bxf6 22.Qxf5 Black is weak on the light squares **22...Bxh4 23.Qg4+ Rg7** 0.61/17
[23...Bg5= 0.07/23 24.h4 Pin Rg7

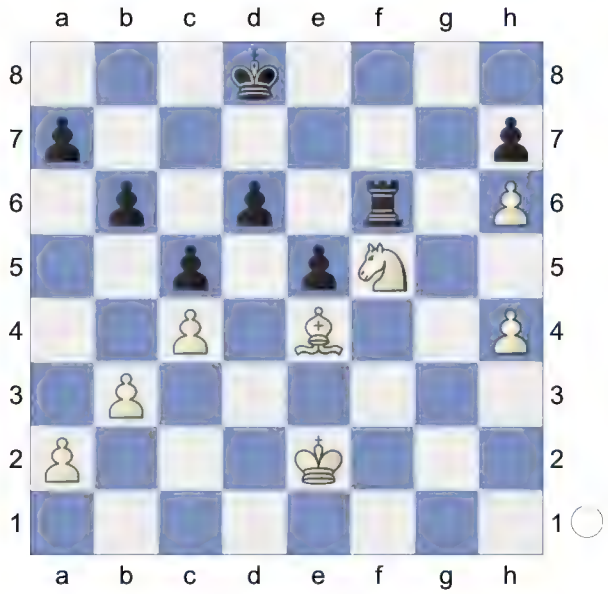
25.hxg5 Qxg5 26.Qxg5 Rxg5]
24.Qxh4± **Qxh4** **25.gxh4** Kitty Kat: '
White now steadily converts the win.'
25...Rf3 Kitty Kat: '



' **26.Rf1** Kitty Kat: '!' **26...Rxf1+** **27.Kxf1**
Black is on the road to losing. **27...Kf8**
1.12/23
[Black should play 27...a6± 0.62/21]
28.Ne3 **Rf7+** **29.Ke2** **b6** 1.42/21
[29...Rf4± 0.65/21 Kitty Kat]
30.Be4 Kitty Kat: '±' **30...Ke7** 2.34/20
[30...Rf4± 1.23/21 31.Bxh7 Rxh4]

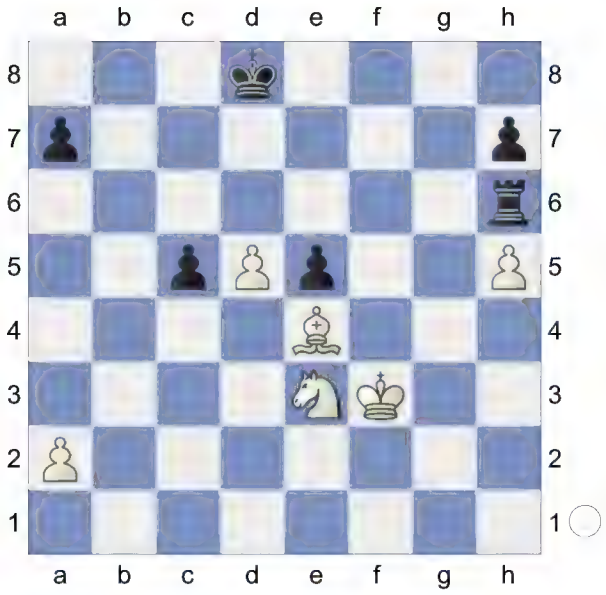


31.h5+- **Kd7?** 3.91/22
[31...Kf8 2.19/20 was necessary.
32.Nf5 Rf6]
32.h6 **Kd8** **33.b3** 2.67/19
[⌓33.Nd5 4.56/20 Kitty Kat]
33...Kd7 4.42/21 Kitty Kat: '?'
[33...Rf6 2.67/19 Kitty Kat 34.Ng4
(34.Bxh7 Rxh6 35.Bf5 a6+-)
34...Rf7]
34.h4 **Kd8** **35.Nf5** **Rf6**

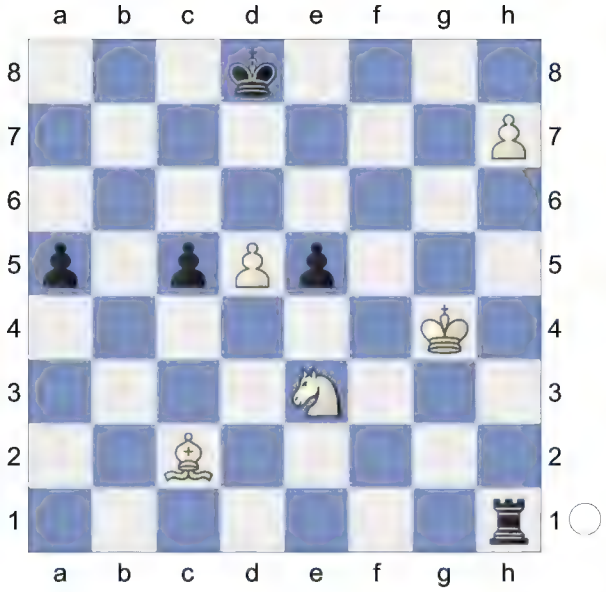


36.h5 White is clearly winning. **36...b5**
37.Kf3
[37.cxb5 d5 38.Bb1 *(38.Bxd5?*
loses. *Rxf5 39.Bf3 Rf6-+; 38.Bc2*
Kitty Kat *e4±)* 38...e4±]
37...bxc4 **38.bxc4** **d5** **39.cxd5** **Ra6**
5.98/20 Kitty Kat: '?'
[39...c4 3.23/18 (Kitty Kat) keeps
fighting. 40.Bc2 Rb6]
40.Ne3 Kitty Kat: 'White is clearly
winning.' **40...Rxh6**

(Diagram)

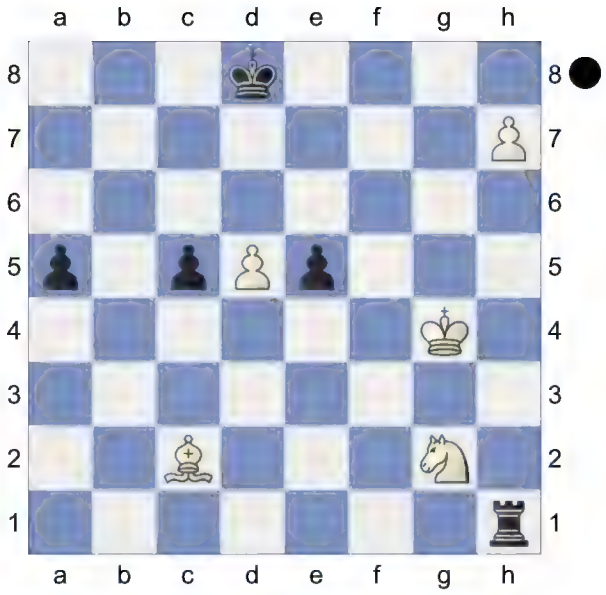


41.Kg4 Ra6 42.Bxh7 Rxa2 6.99/20
[⌓42...Ra3 4.69/17 Kitty Kat 43.h6 *(43.Nc4 Ra4+-)* 43...Rxe3]
43.Bc2 and h6 would now be decisive
43...Ra1 44.h6 Rh1 45.h7 a5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.57
Kitty Kat: '
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.79
' **46.Ng2**

(Diagram)



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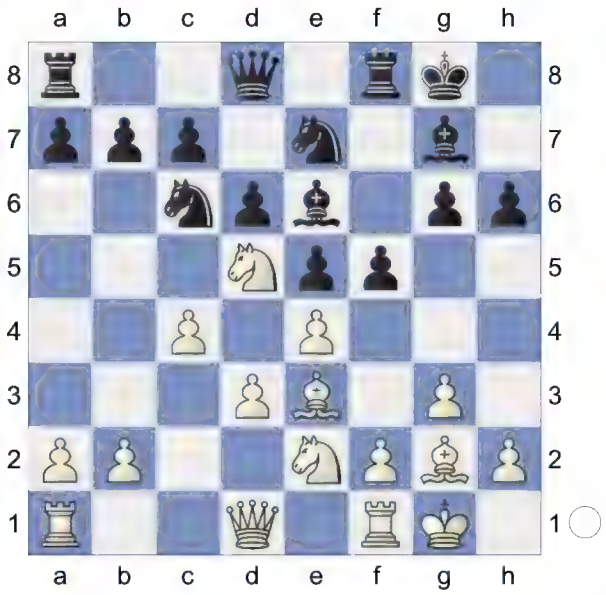
75 **A26**
□ **Miezis,N** **2532**
■ **Praytino,S** **2391**
Wotulo Mem Jakarta INA (5) 26.03.2001
[TA]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 e5

(Diagram)

6.e4 Nge7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 f5 9.Nd5 Be6 10.Be3 h6



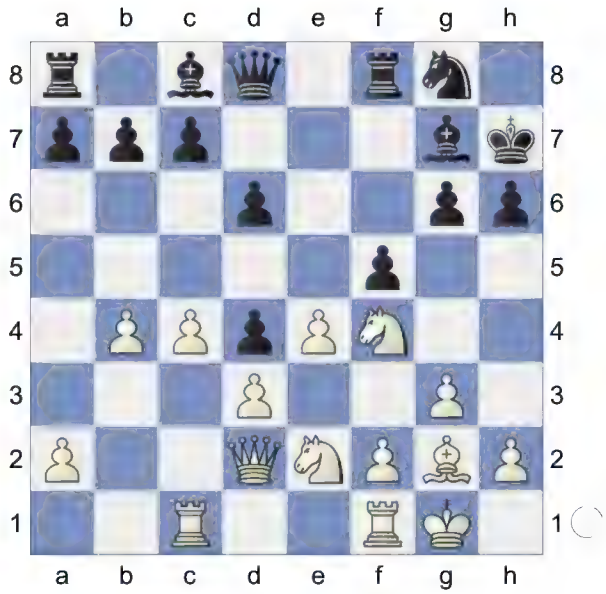
11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Rac1 White is much more active. White is better. **12...Ng8N**

[12...Qd7 13.b4 Rab8 14.b5 Nd4 15.Bxd4 exd4 16.Nef4 c5 17.Nxe7 Qxe7 18.Rce1 Qf7 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.exf5 Qxf5 21.Re7 Rf7 22.Rfe1 Be5 23.Rxf7+ Qxf7 24.f4 Bf6 25.Bd5 Qd7 26.Qe2 Jones,S (2578)-Pellen,E (2308) 147/(4) Zalakaros 2020]

13.b4 Nd4 1.42/20

[Black should try 13...fxe4 0.73/19 14.dxe4 Nb8]

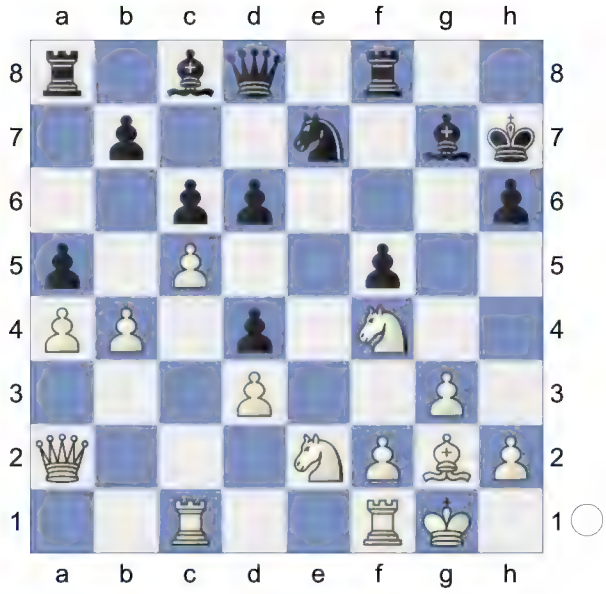
14.Bxd4± exd4 15.Ndf4 Bc8



16.exf5 gxf5 2.23/18

[16...Bxf5± 1.35/18 is a better defense. 17.Bxb7 g5]

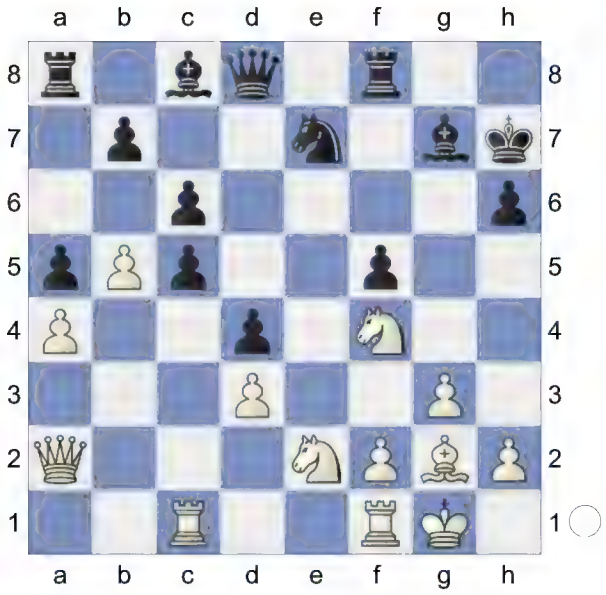
17.c5+- c6 18.a4 Ne7 19.Qa2 a5



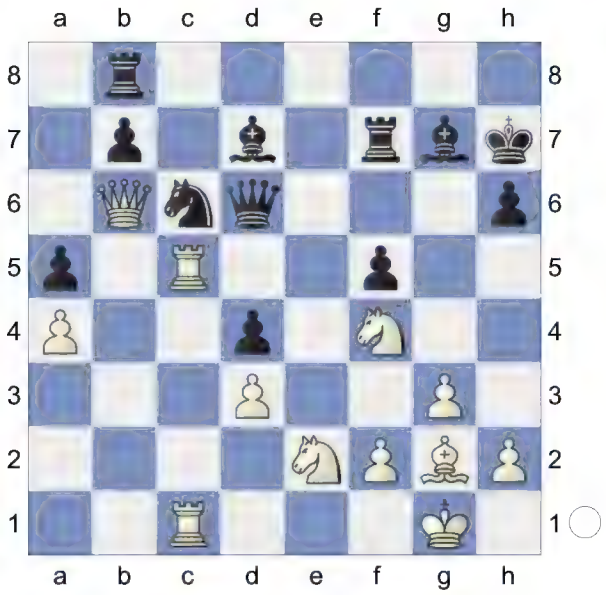
20.b5 dxc5 2.37/19

[⌓20...Ra7 1.84/19 21.bxc6 bxc6]

(Diagram)

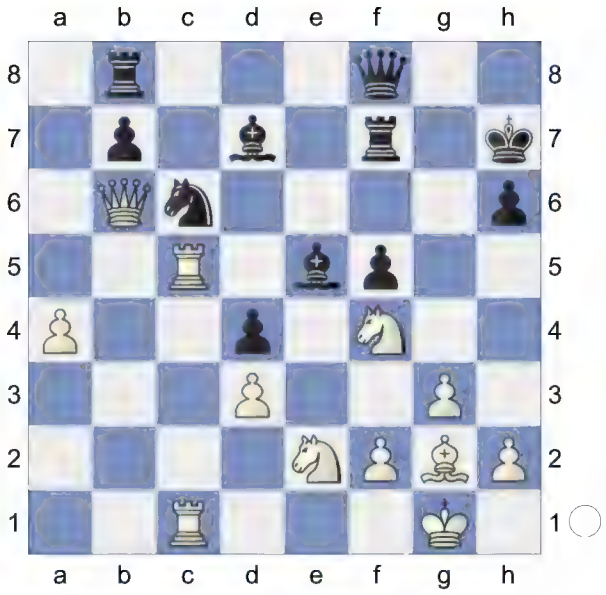


21.Rxc5 Qd6 22.Rfc1 Bd7 23.bxc6 Nxc6 24.Qb3 Rab8 25.Qb6 Rf7



26.Rxa5 Qf8 27.Rac5 Be5

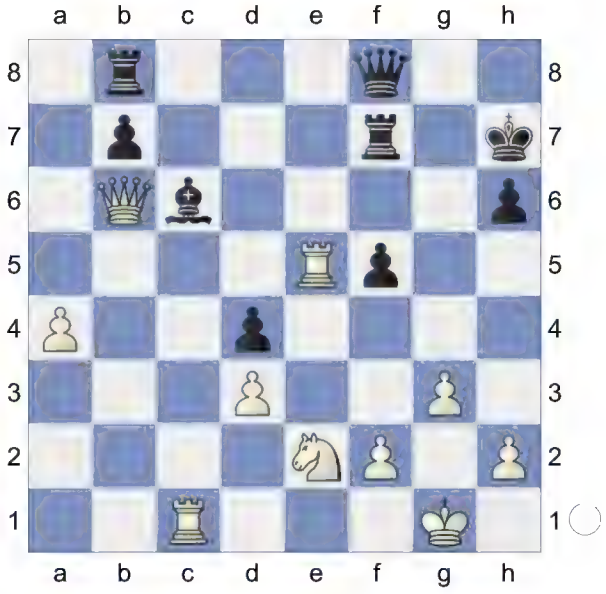
(Diagram)



28.Ng6! Kxg6

[28...Qe8 29.Nxe5]

29.Rxe5 Kh7 30.Bxc6 Bxc6

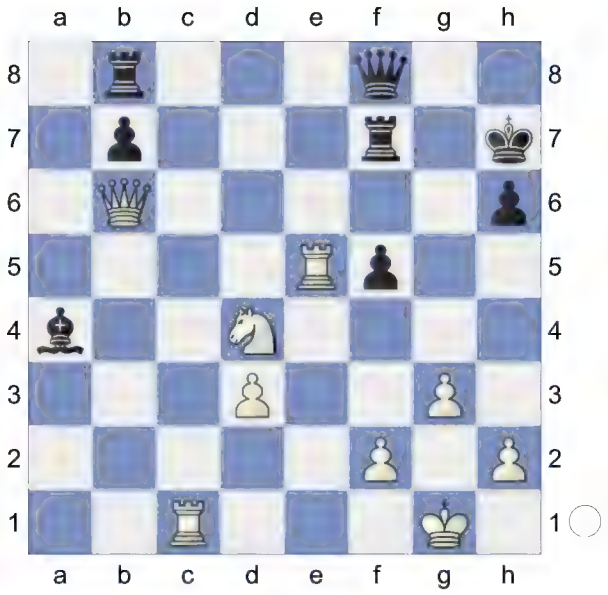


31.Nxd4

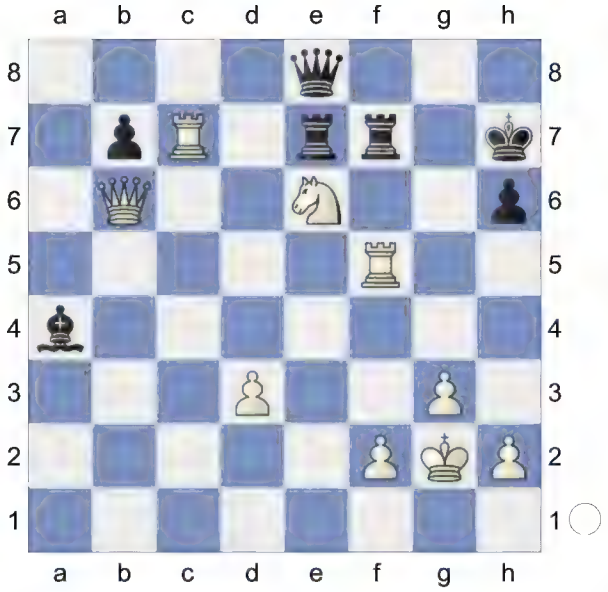
[Resist 31.Qxd4 Re8 32.a5 Rxe5 33.Qxe5 Re7+-]

31...Bxa4

(Diagram)

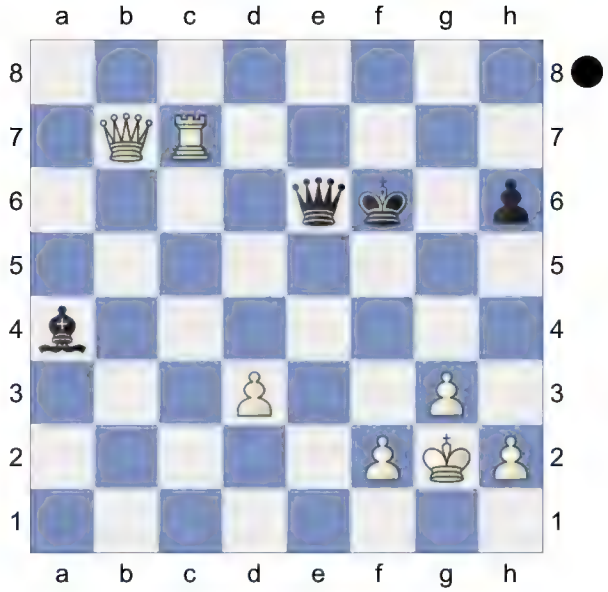


32.Rxf5! White is clearly winning.
32...Re8
[32...Bd7 33.Rxf7+]
33.Rc7 Re1+ 34.Kg2 Ree7 35.Ne6 Qe8



White must now prevent ...Rxc7.
36.Rxf7+ Rxf7 37.Qxb7
[37.Rxb7? too greedy. Bc6+ 38.f3 Rxb7-+ *(38...Bxf3+? 39.Kf2-+)*]
37...Qxe6 38.Rxf7+ Kg6 39.Rg7+ Kf6
Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.50

40.Rc7



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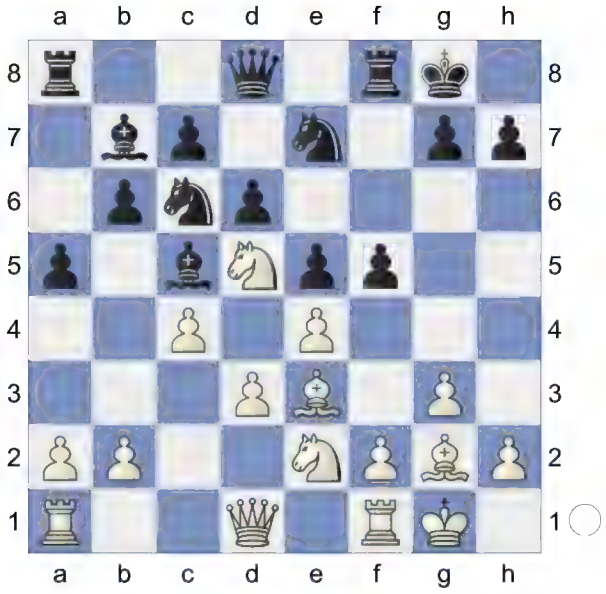
76 **A10**
□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2530**
■ **Jimenez Garcia,Emmanuel** **2418**
Titled Tue 14th Feb Early blitz (1)
[Kitty Kat]

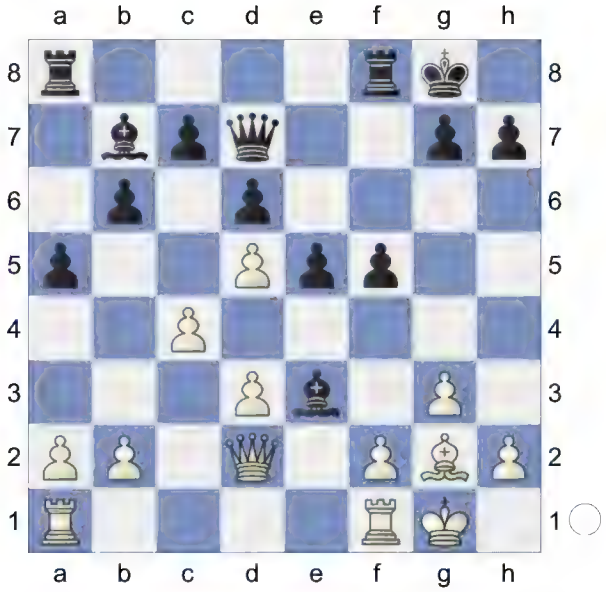
A10: English Opening: Unusual Replies for Black
1.c4 b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.e4 e5 4.d3 Nc6 5.g3 Bc5

(Diagram)

6.Bg2 Nge7 7.Nge2 0-0 is the legacy move (7...d6). ist old school (7...d6).
8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...f5N**
[8...Nd4 9.Be3 Nxe2+ 10.Qxe2 Nc6 1.c4 b6!-3.e4 4.g3 - the right way]
9.Be3 d6 10.Nd5 a5

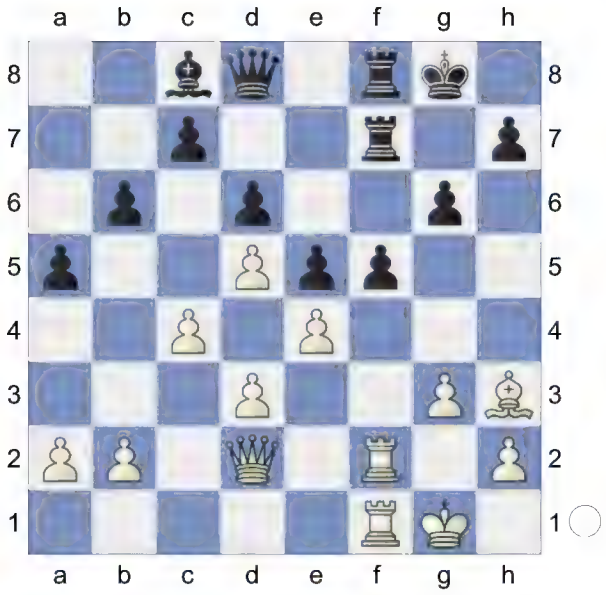


11.Qd2 Qd7 12.Bg5N -0.28/22
[Vorgänger: 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 fxe4 15.Bxe4 Hoping for Nxe7+. Nxd5 16.cxd5 Rae8 17.Rfe1 Qg4 18.Bxc5? -2.20/21 *(18.f3=* 0.15/21 *Qd7 19.Re3)* 18...Rxe4-+ 19.Be3 Qf3 20.Rac1 Re5 21.Rxc7? -5.26/21 *(21.Qd1* -2.04/19 is more resistant. *Qf7 22.f4)* 21...Bxd5 0-1 (21) Priyanka,N-Bachmann,A (2599) Chess.com INT 2020]
[12.b3± 0.37/18]
12...Nxd5
[12...fxe4 looks sharper. 13.Bxe4 Nxd5 14.Bxd5+ Kh8]
13.exd5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Be3 Bxe3

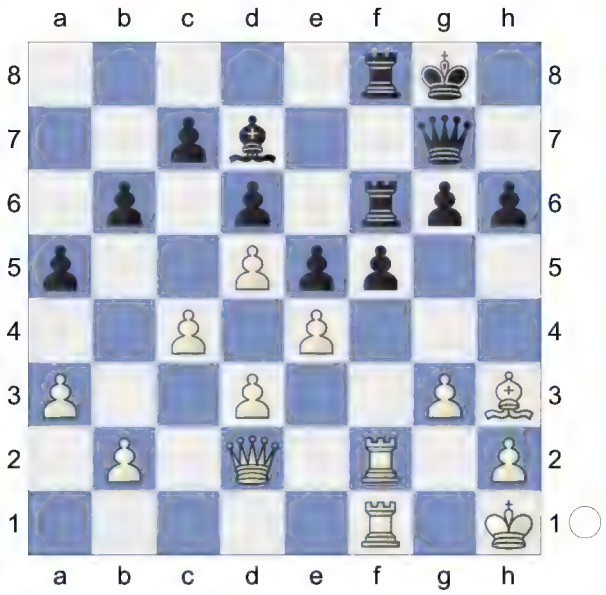


16.fxe3 Rf7 17.e4 Raf8 18.Bh3 g6 19.Rf2 Bc8 20.Raf1 Qd8

(Diagram)

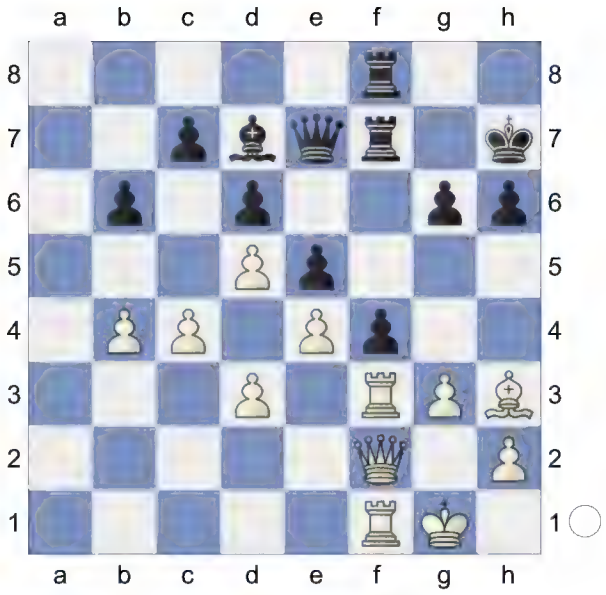


21.Qh6 Qf6 22.Kh1 Qg7 23.Qg5 h6 24.Qd2 Rf6 25.a3 Bd7



26.b4 axb4 27.axb4 Kh7 28.Kg1 Qe7 29.Rf3 R6f7 30.Qf2 f4

(Diagram)



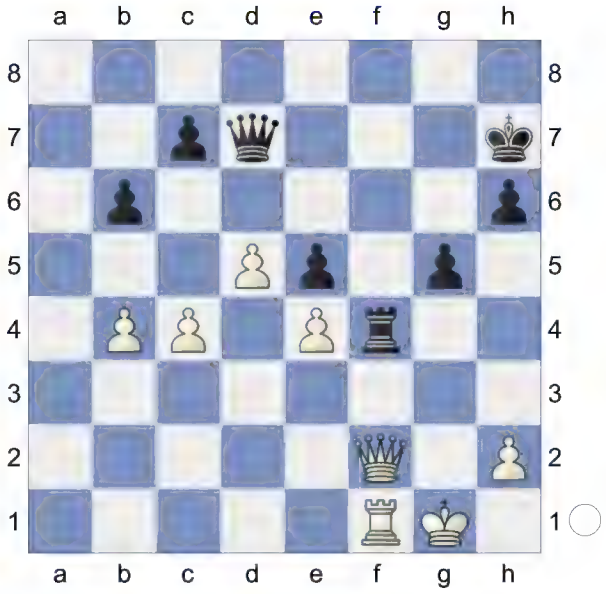
31.Bxd7 Qxd7 32.d4! g5 33.dxe5 dxe5 Hoping for ...g4. **34.gxf4?** -4.14/21

[34.Qc2= -0.24/21 and White is okay.]

34...Rxf4? -0.01/20

[34...g4!-+ -4.14/21 35.f5 gxf3]

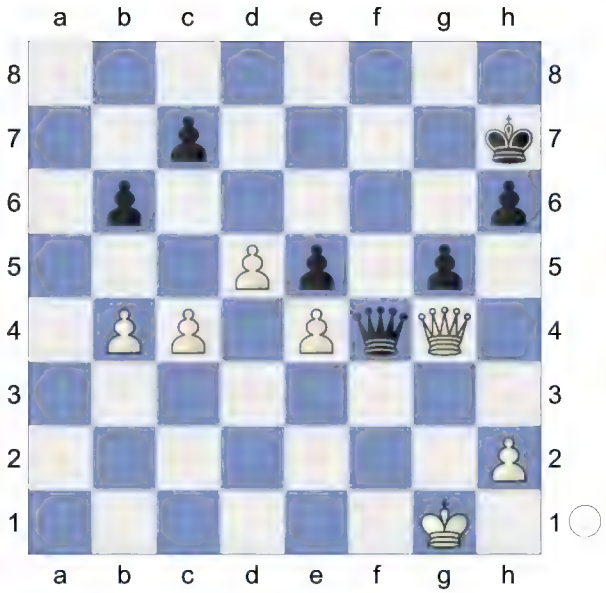
35.Rxf4= Rxf4



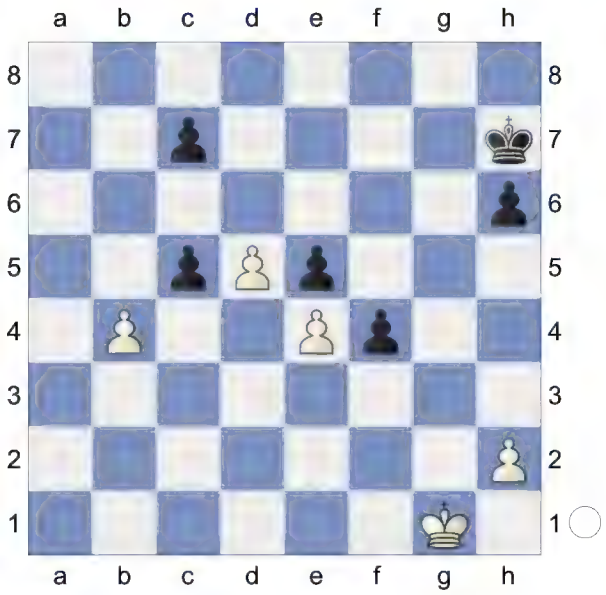
Endgame KQR-KQR **36.Qg2 Rg4** Pin **37.Rf7+!** Deflection **37...Qxf7 38.Qxg4 Qf4** 6.17/27

[38...Qe7= 0.00/21]

(Diagram)

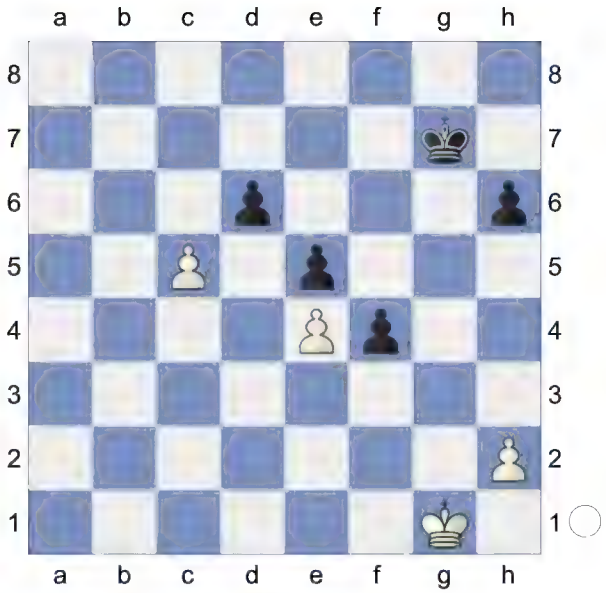


39.Qxf4!+- White is clearly winning.
39...gxf4= KP-KP **40.c5 bxc5**



41.bxc5 Kg7 42.d6 cxd6

(Diagram)



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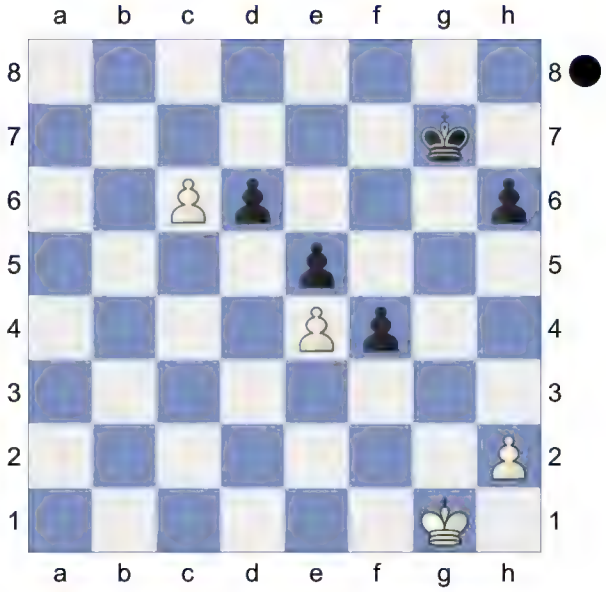
43.c6!



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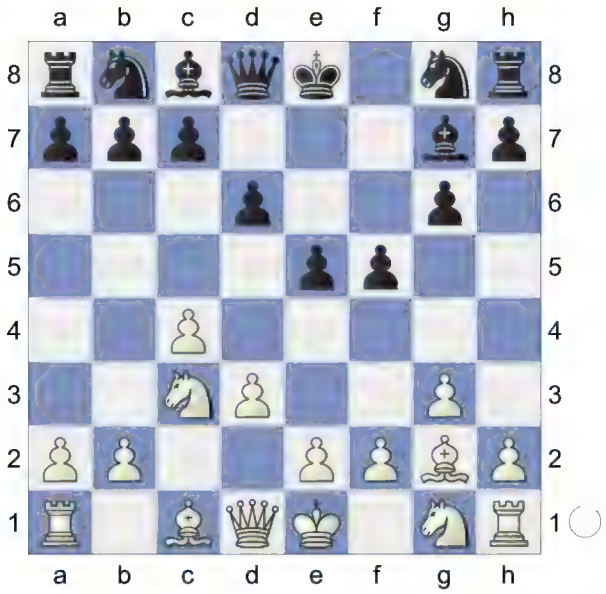
77 **A10**
□ **Ten Hertog,H** **2524**
■ **Suvorov,Alexander** **2343**
Dutch League 2022-23 (6.3) 15.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

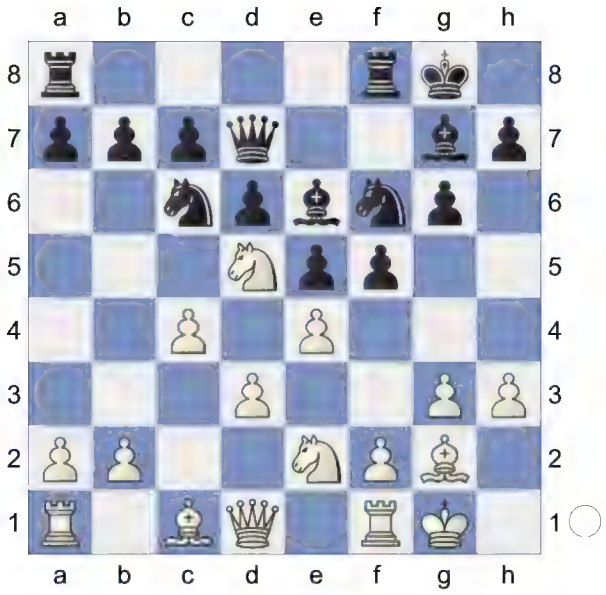
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 d6 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 f5



6.e4 Nc6 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Be6
[9...f4 10.gxf4 Nh5 11.f5 Qh4 12.Qd2 h6 13.f3 gxf5 14.Qe1 Qxe1 15.Rxe1 Nb4 16.Rd1 Nc2 17.Rb1 c6 18.Bd2 Be6 19.Rbc1 Nb4 20.Be1 Rf7 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Ne4 Na6 23.Nxd6 Rg5 24.Ne4 1-0 (35) Gurevich,M (2634)-Maiwald,J (2512) Bundesliga 0203 2002 (9.5)]
10.Nd5 -0.18/22
[10.exf5 0.28/19 should be considered. gxf5 11.Bg5]
10...Qd7

(Diagram)



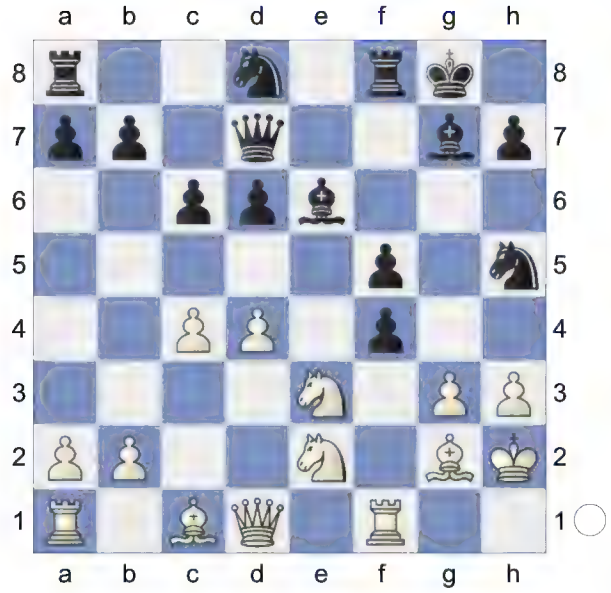
11.Kh2 Nd8N 0.51/18
[11...f4!= -0.29/18]
[11...Rf7 12.Bg5 *(12.Be3 Raf8 13.Qd2 Nd8 14.Nxf6+ Rxf6 15.exf5 Rxf5 16.g4 R5f7 17.Nc3 c6 18.Rac1 b6 19.f3 d5 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.Nxd5 cxd5 22.Qc2 h6 23.Kg1 Kh7 24.b4 Qe7 25.Qb3 Qd7 26.b5 Ne6* 0-1 (38) Tajedine,S (2510)-Schalkwijk,P (2605) Polska 14/276 1972 (1) *27.Rc6 Nf4 28.Qc2 Qe7 29.d4 e4 30.fxe4 Nxg2 31.Rxf7 Qxf7 32.Qxg2 dxe4 33.a4 Qb3 34.Qd2 Rf3 35.Rc3 Qxa4 36.Bf2 Qa1+ 37.Rc1 Qa3 38.Rc7 e3* 0-1 Sher,M (2510)-Vyzmanavin,A (2605) ch Elista 1995 (1)*)* 12...Raf8 13.Qd2 f4 14.gxf4 Nh5 15.f5 gxf5 16.Ng3 Nf4 17.Nxf4 exf4 18.Nh5 f3 19.Bh1 Be5+ 20.Bf4 fxe4 21.Bxe5 Nxe5 22.Rg1+ Kh8 23.d4 Nxc4 24.Qg5 Qe7 25.Qh6 Qh4 26.Qxe6 0-1 (28) Malassagne,R (2137)-Koziak,V (2481) Sautron op 13th 2013 (3)]
12.exf5± **gxf5** White is slightly better.
13.d4 c6 0.88/20
[13...Qf7± 0.51/20]
14.Ne3 0.47/18 White is more active.

[14.Nxf6+± 0.88/20 Bxf6 15.d5]

14...Nh5 0.91/18

[14...Bf7± 0.47/18]

15.f4 exf4



16.Nxf4

[Reject 16.gxf4?! d5=]

16...Nxf4 17.Rxf4 Bh6? 2.41/19

[17...d5± 0.79/17]

18.d5!+- Bxf4

[18...Qg7 19.dxe6]

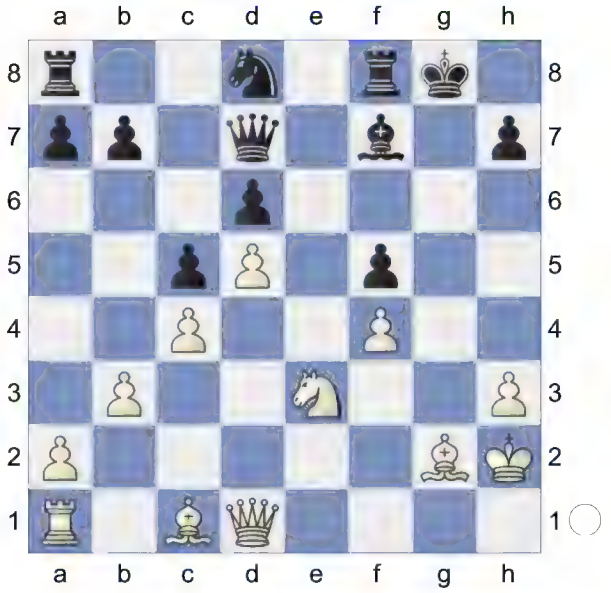
19.gxf4

[19.dxe6 Bxg3+ 20.Kxg3 Qg7+ 21.Kh2 Nxe6±]

19...Bf7 3.10/18

[19...Qe7 2.20/19 might work better.]

20.b3 c5



21.Bb2 h6? 4.92/19

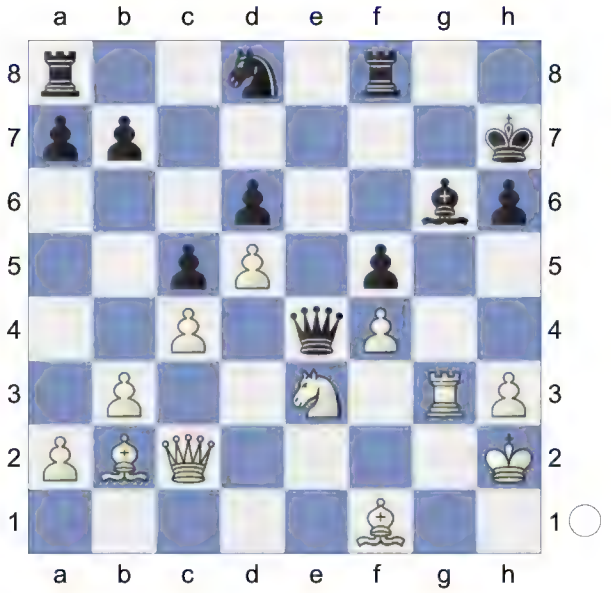
[21...Rc8 2.91/17 22.Bf3 Bg6]

22.Qc2 Bg6 23.Rg1 and Be4 should not be overlooked **23...Kh7 24.Bf1 Qe7?** 6.01/19

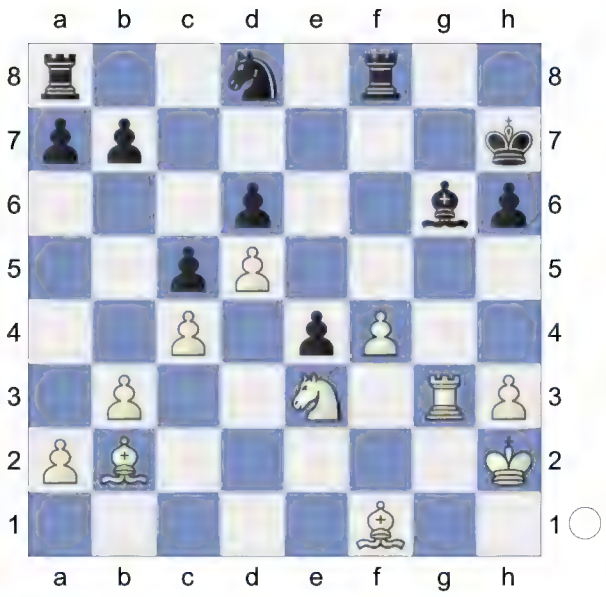
[24...b5 3.50/17 25.cxb5 Nb7]

25.Rg3 White is clearly winning.

25...Qe4



26.Qxe4 Remove Defender **26...fxe4**



27.f5 Rg8 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
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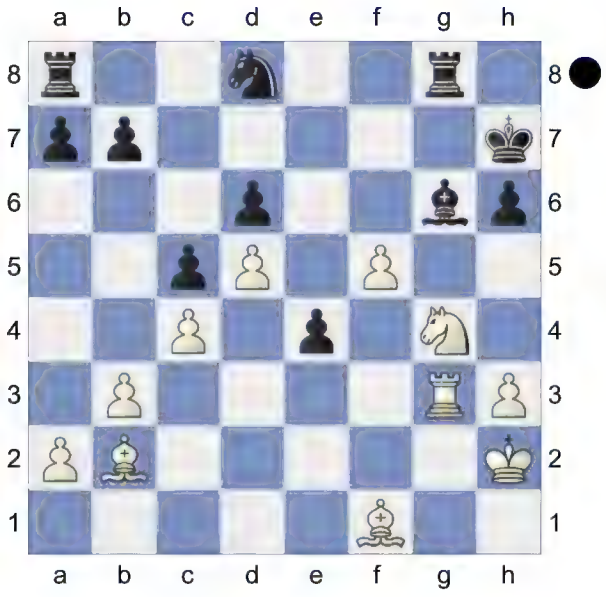
28.Ng4



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78 **A21**
□ **Privara,Igor** **2520**
■ **Shablinsky,Mikhail Ivanovich** **2414**
EU-chT8 fin email 01.02.2012
[Kitty Kat]

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3
1.c4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 e5 5.d3
[5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6 7.Qh4 Bg7 8.Bh6 0-0 9.Nh3 Ne5 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Qd4 d6 12.b3 c6 13.0-0 Nf7 14.Rad1 Qb6 15.Qd2 Qa5 16.Kh1 Be6 17.Qb2 Rae8 18.Rd3 Bc8 19.Qd2 h6 1-0 (68) Majewski,J (2605)-9. ♗f3 ♕c7 10. ♗e3 70261 (2660) 46/833 Groningen 1988]
5...Bg7

6.e4 fxe4N
[6...0-0 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.exf5 Qxf5 10.Nf3 e4 11.Nxe4 Bxb2 12.Rb1 Qa5+ 13.Nfd2 Bg7 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Nf3 d5 16.cxd5 Qxd5 17.Nh4 Qf7 18.f4 Nd4 19.g4 a5 20.Ng3 Qf6 21.g5 1-0 (29) 14...e5 15. de6 ♗e6 16. ♘d5 (2136)-Coleman,T (2290) Moskva 1950 (11.5) Qf7 22.f5

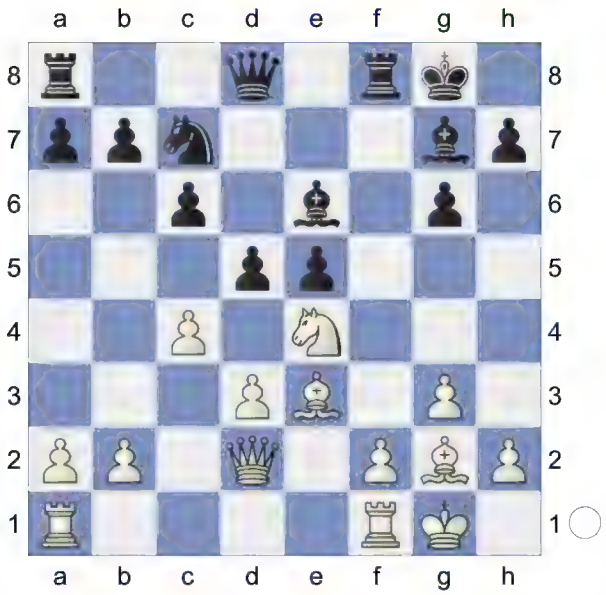
hxg5 23.fxg6 Qxa2 24.Qh5 Rf4 25.Rxf4 Qxb1+ 26.Rf1 Qxf1+ 27.Bxf1 gxh4 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Nh5 1-0 14...e5 15.de6 Be6 16.Nd5 (2136)-Coleman,T (2290) Moskva 1950 (11.5)]

7.Nxe4 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 c6 White has an edge. **9.Bg2 0-0 10.Ne2 d6**

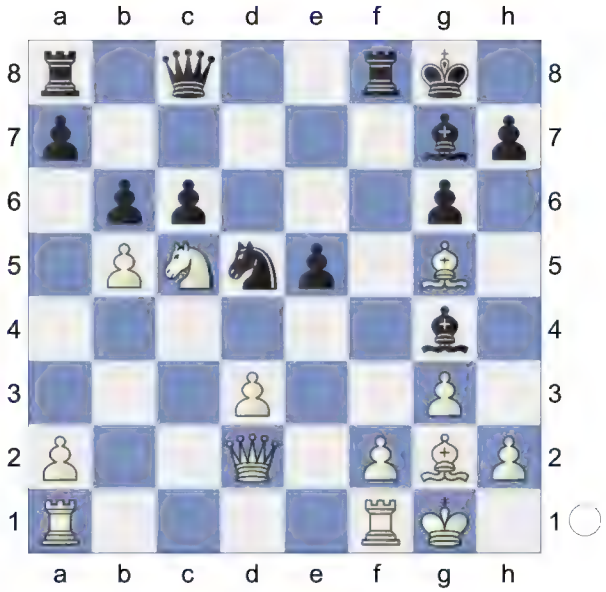
11.0-0 Bg4 12.Be3 Na6 13.Qd2 Nc7! 14.Nc3 Be6 0.44/22

[14...d5!= 0.07/21 feels stronger.]

15.Ne4 d5



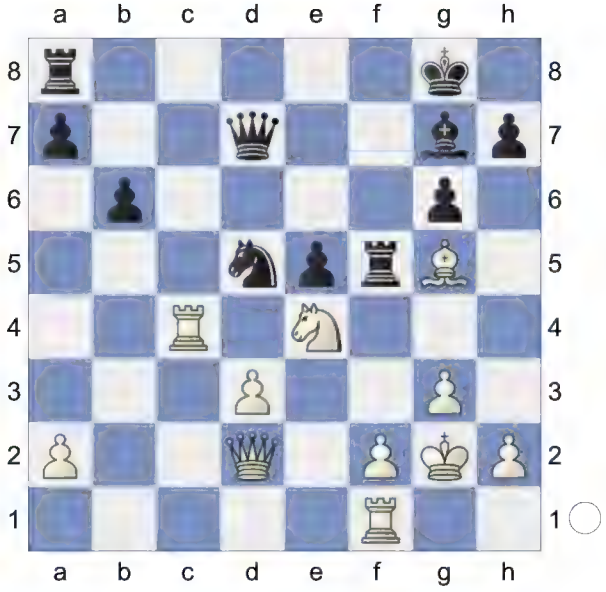
16.Bg5 Qb8 17.Nc5 Bg4 18.cxd5 White is more active. **18...Nxd5 19.b4 Qc8 20.b5 b6**



21.bxc6 Bf3 22.Ne4

[22.Bxf3 simplifies Rxf3 23.Ne4 Qxc6 24.a4]

22...Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Qxc6 24.Rac1 Qd7 25.Rc4 Rf5



26.Qc2 h6 27.Bd2 Kh7 28.Rc1 Raf8 29.Rc8 R8f7 30.Qb3 Rf3 0.74/19

[30...Rf8± 0.35/21]

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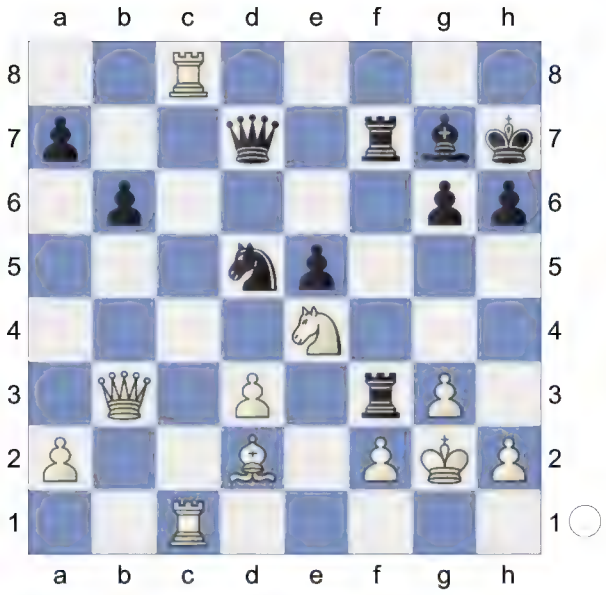


31.Kg1!± Rf8 32.Rxf8 Rxf8 33.a4 Nf6 Threatens to win with ...Nxe4. **34.Qc2 Qf5** 0.89/21

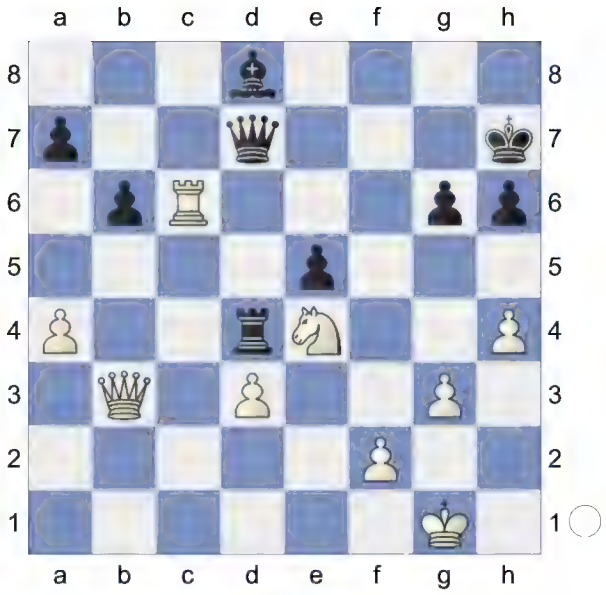
[34...Rf7= 0.30/20 remains equal.]

35.Bb4! Rd8

36.Be7 Rd7 37.Bxf6 Bxf6 38.Qb3 Bd8 39.Rc6! Rd4 40.h4! Qd7 1.29/21

[40...h5 0.84/21]

(Diagram)



41.Qc2! Rxd3 1.46/22

[Better is 41...Qf7!± 0.61/20]

42.Nf6+ 1.09/19

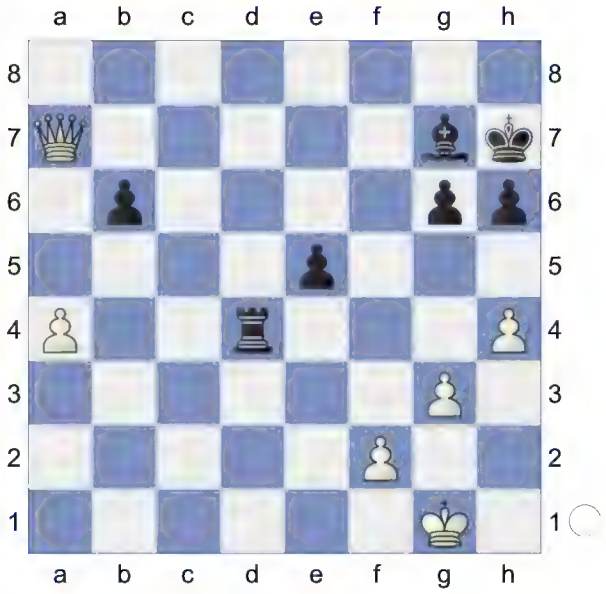
[⌓42.h5 1.46/22 Rd1+ *(42...gxh5? 43.Rd6+-)* 43.Kg2]

42...Bxf6 43.Rc7! Qxc7 2.26/19

[43...Rd1+? 44.Kg2+-]

[43...h5± 1.35/21 44.g4 *(44.Rxd7+ Rxd7 45.Qc6 Rd1+ 46.Kg2 Bg7+-)* 44...hxg4 *(44...Rd1+? 45.Kg2+-)*]

44.Qxc7+ Endgame KQ-KRB **44...Bg7 45.Qxa7 Rd4**



46.Kg2

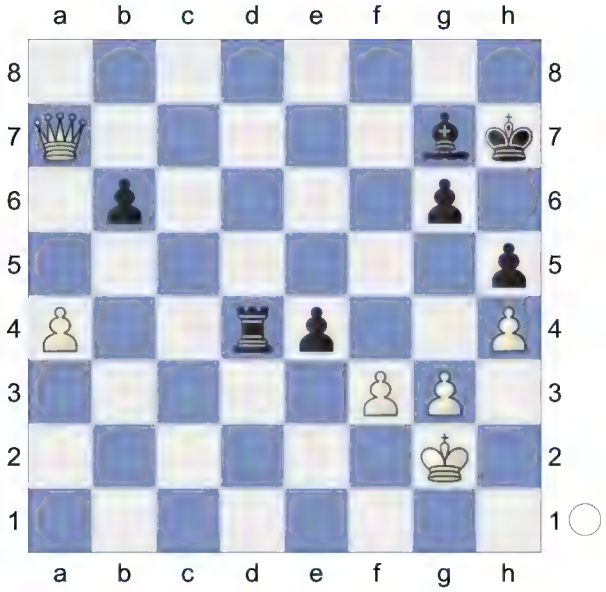
[46.Qxb6 Rxa4 47.h5 Ra1+ 48.Kg2 g5 49.Qg6+ Kh8 50.Qe8+ Kh7 51.Qg6+ Kh8 52.Qe8+ Kh7]

46...h5 47.f3 0.87/22

[Much less strong is 47.Qxb6 Rxa4 48.Qe6 Rd4±]

[47.Qa8+- 1.83/23 has better winning chances.]

47...e4



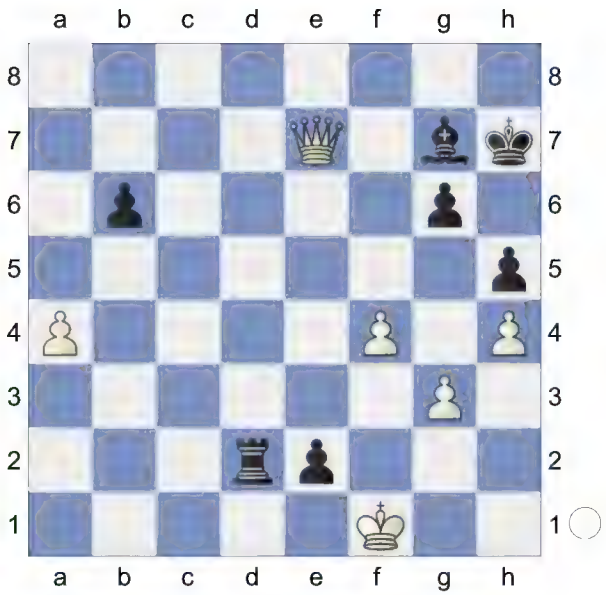
48.f4! Strongly threatening f5!. **48...Rd2+ 49.Kf1 e3 50.Qe7** 0.27/22

[50.Qxb6? loses. e2+ 51.Kf2 *(51.Ke1? Rc2-+)* 51...Bd4+ 52.Ke1 Bxb6-+]

[50.Qc7± 0.71/23]

50...e2+

(Diagram)



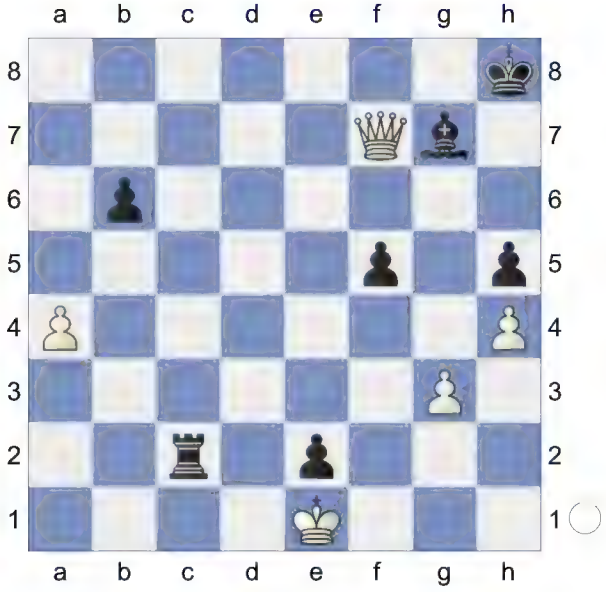
51.Ke1 0.00/31

[51.Kf2± 0.43/23]

51...Rc2!= The position is equal. **52.f5 gxf5 53.Qf7** Really sharp!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)

53...Kh8!

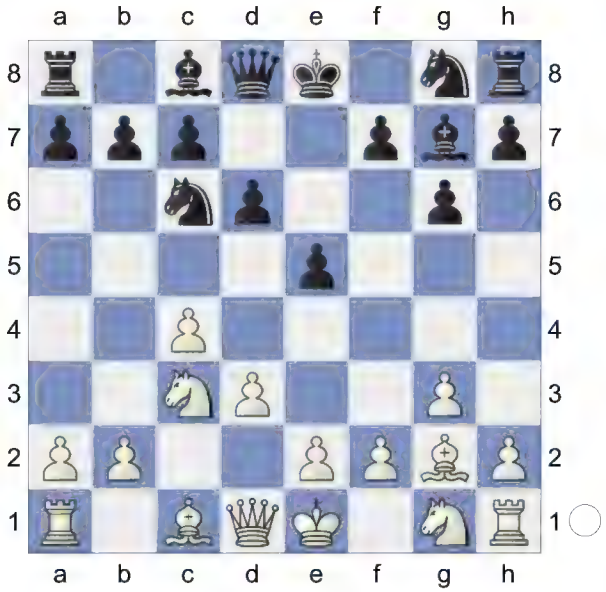


½-½

79 **A26**
□ **Kashlyak,Anatoly Nikolaevich** **2511**
■ **Bowyer,Kenneth J** **2415**
corr European TC VII, Final 31.12.2008
[Kitty Kat]

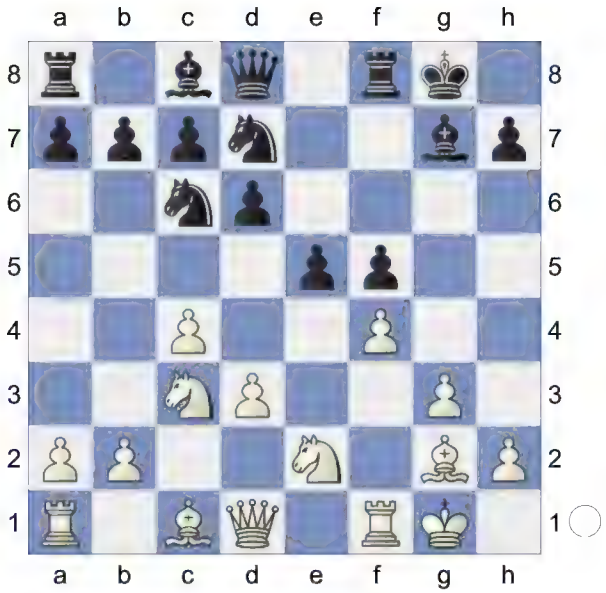
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
A26: Ouverture anglaise (variante sicilienne fermée inversée)

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 d6



6.e4 Nf6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 Nd7 9.f4 f5 10.exf5 gxf5

(Diagram)



11.Be3 White is better. **11...Nf6**

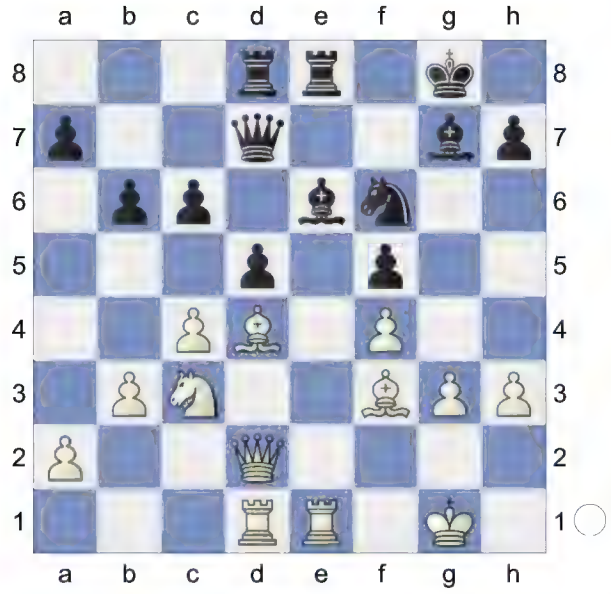
[11...Nd4 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.Bxd4 exd4 14.Nd5 Ne5 15.h3 c6 16.Ndf4 Ng6 17.Qb3 Qb6 18.Qa3 Re8 19.b4 Bd7 20.Qb3 Qd8 21.Kh2 Re3 22.Rf3 Rxf3 23.Bxf3 Qe7 24.Rf1 Re8 25.b5 Be5 26.Bg2 0-1 (47) Rotstein,A (2525)-Krasenkow,M (2676) Coupe d'Europe des Clubs 2004 (5)]

12.h3 Be6 13.Qd2 Qd7N

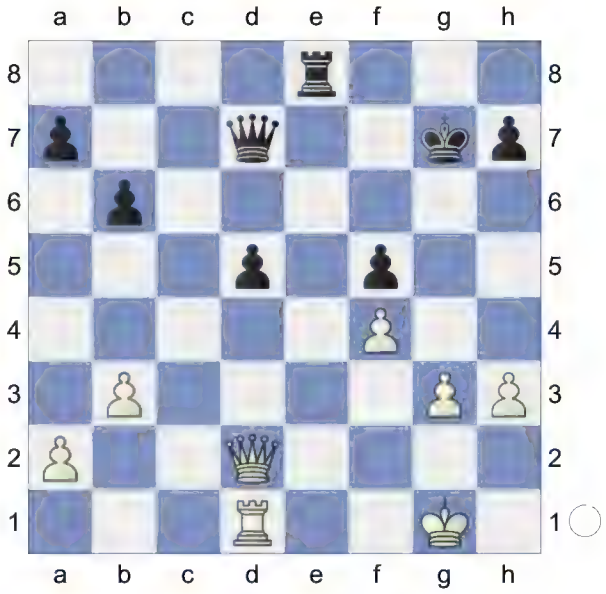
[13...Qe8 14.Rae1 Kh8 15.b3 Qg6 16.d4 exd4 17.Nxd4 Bd7 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Bf2 Nh5 20.Re7 Rad8 21.Ne2 c5 22.Re1 Bf6 23.Re3 Rg8 24.Kh2 Rg7 25.Bf3 Rdg8 26.Rg1 Bd8 27.Qb2 Nf6 28.Be1 0-1 (45) Garcia Munoz,J (2413)-Bradley,M (2408) Gibtelecom Masters 2006 (9) c6 29.Nc3 Qh6 30.Rg2 Ng4+ 31.Bxg4 fxg4 32.h4 Bf6 33.Qd2 Bd4 34.Rd3 Bf5 35.Rxd4 cxd4 36.Qxd4 Re8 37.Ne2 Be4 38.Rf2 Bf3 39.Qb2 Kg8 40.Bc3 Rge7 41.Ng1 c5 42.Qd2 Bc6 43.Ba1 0-1 (45) Neverov,V (2413)-Ilamparthi,A (2408) Budapest Vezerkepzo GM 04 2023 (9)]

14.Rad1 Rad8 15.b3 Rfe8

16.d4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4
[17.Bxb7 c6 18.Ba6 Nxe2+ 19.Nxe2 *(19.Qxe2 exf4 20.gxf4 Qc7∓)* 19...Ne4∓]
17...exd4 18.Bxd4 b6 19.Bf3 c6 20.Rfe1 d5

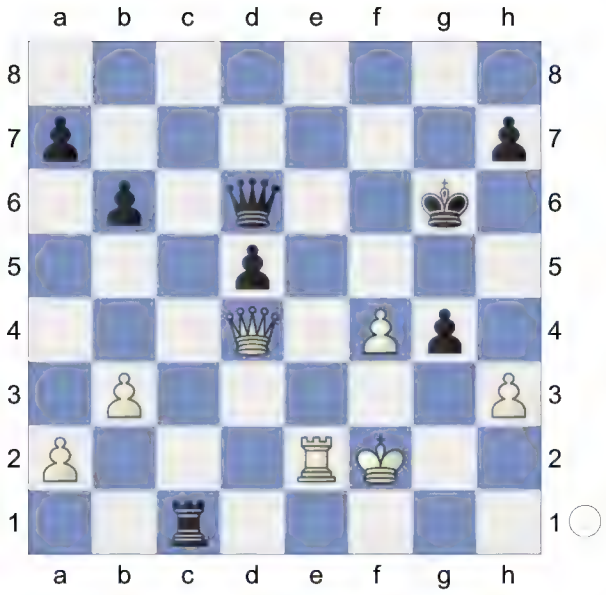


21.cxd5 White has more active pieces.
[21.Qf2 Ne4 22.Bxe4 fxe4 23.g4]
21...Nxd5 22.Nxd5
[22.Be5 Nb4 23.Qe2 Nd3 24.Bxc6 Qxc6 25.Rxd3 Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Bf7 27.Kf2]
22...Bxd5 23.Bxd5+
[23.Rxe8+ Qxe8 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Re1]
23...cxd5 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Bxg7 Kxg7±

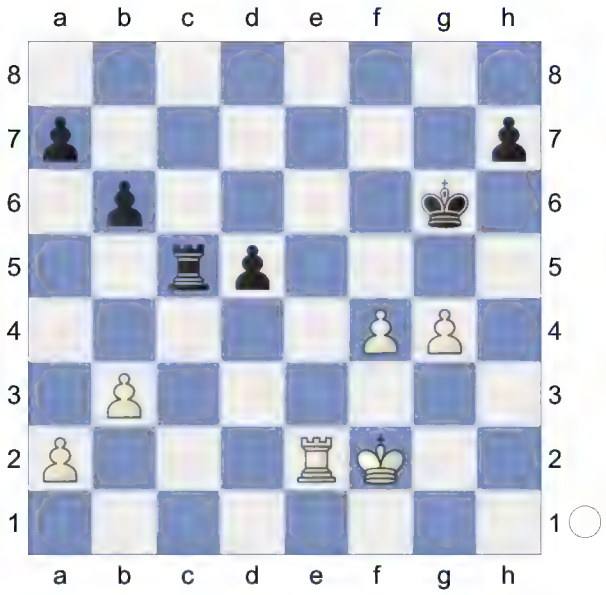


Endgame KQR-KQR **26.Kf2**
[26.Qxd5? Re1+ 27.Rxe1 Qxd5-+]
26...Rc8 27.Qd4+ Kg6 28.Rd2 Against Rc2 **28...Qd6** Against Qe5
29.g4! Rc1 1.10/19
[29...Qc5!± 0.39/19]
30.Re2! Black must now prevent Kg3. The board is on fire.
[30.Qxd5? Qxf4+ 31.Qf3 Qxd2+-+]
30...fxg4

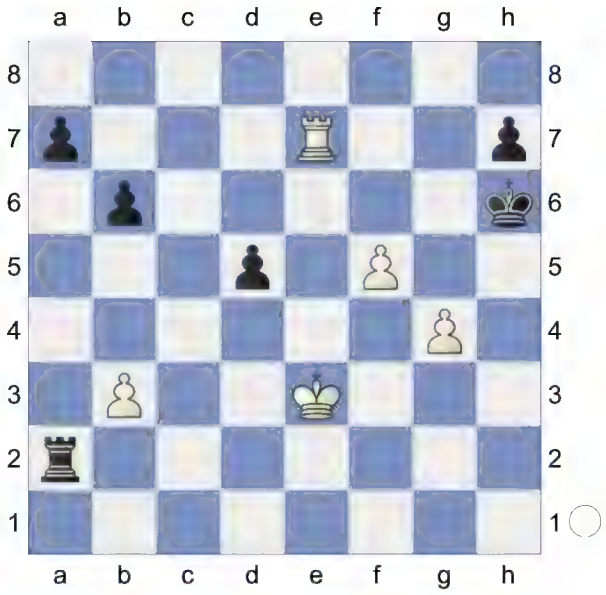
(Diagram)



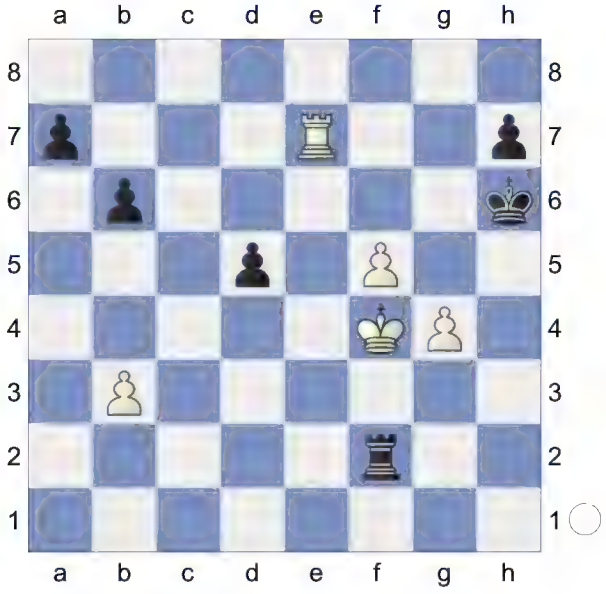
31.hxg4 0.33/19
[31.Kg3± 0.75/20 gxh3 32.Re5]
31...Qc5!± 32.Qxc5
[32.Re6+ seems wilder. Kf7 33.Qxc5 bxc5 34.Ra6]
Black cannot hold the game after this.
32...Rxc5 3.36/20
[32...bxc5± 0.39/21 33.Re7 Rc2+ 34.Kg3 Rxa2]



KR-KR **33.Re7!+- Rc2+ 34.Ke3 Rxa2 35.f5+ Kh6**
(Diagram)

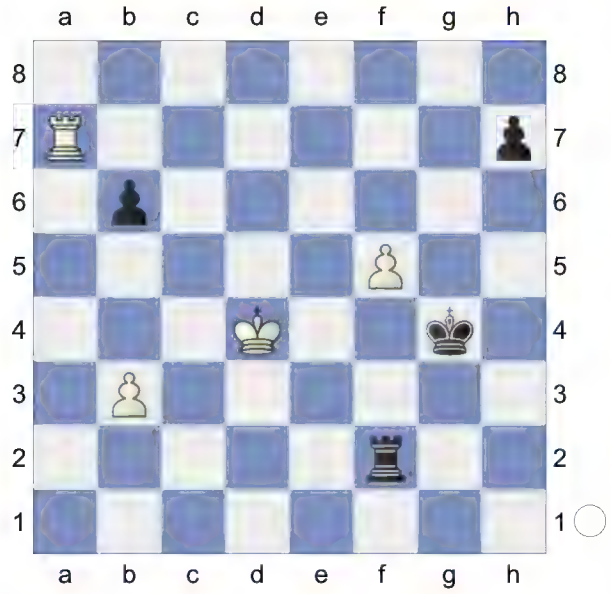


36.Kf4 White threatens g5+ and mate.
36...Rf2+

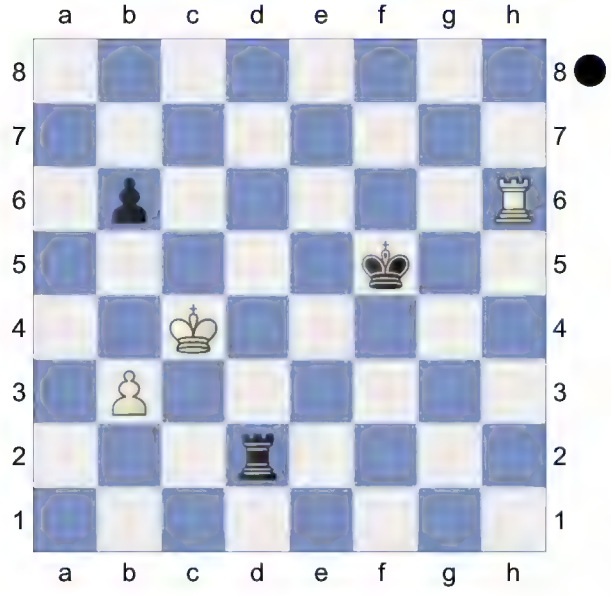


37.Ke5! Kg5 5.01/22
[37...Rg2 2.20/22 38.Rxa7 *(38.Kxd5 Rxg4 39.Ke6 Rg3±)* 38...Rxg4]
38.Rg7+
[38.Kxd5 h5= *(38...Kxg4 39.Rg7+ Kh5 40.Ke6±)*]
[Less strong is 38.Rxa7 Re2+ 39.Kxd5 Kxg4±]
38...Kh4 39.Rxa7 White is clearly winning.
[39.Kxd5 h5=]

39...d4 6.34/23
[⍝39...Kxg4 4.35/22 40.Rg7+ *(40.Kxd5 Rxf5+ 41.Ke4 h5∓)* 40...Kh5]
40.Kxd4 Kxg4



41.Rg7+
[Not 41.Rxh7 Rxf5 42.b4 Kf3=]
41...Kf4 42.Rxh7 Rd2+ 43.Kc4 Kxf5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.43
44.Rh6



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80 **A36**
□ **Bachmann,Ax** **2511**
■ **Fedorov,Alexei** **2560**
II ROMGAZ Open (7) 17.09.2008
[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d6 5.d3 c5

6.e4 Nc6 7.Nge2 Bg4N
[7...0-0 8.a3 *(8.h3 Ne8 9.0-0 Nc7 10.Be3 Ne6 11.Qd2 Re8 12.a3 Ned4 13.Rab1 a5 14.Nd5 e6 15.Ndf4 f5 16.Bxd4 Nxd4 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 Nxe2+ 19.Nxe2 Qc7 20.Nc3 Bd7 21.bxc5 dxc5 22.Nb5 Bxb5* 1-0 (33) Motos Abellan,D (2115)-Goldin,A (2381) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early blitz 2025 (1)*)* 8...Ne8 9.Rb1 Nc7 10.Be3 Ne6 11.0-0 Ned4 12.b4 e6 13.Qd2 Rb8 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Bh6 f5 16.Bxg7 Qxg7 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Nb5 Nxe2+ 19.Qxe2 Rd8 20.Qb2 Qxb2 21.Rxb2 a6 22.Bxc6 ½-½ (89) 13.a5 Bd7 14. Nf3 (2184)-Campos,J (2365) intercity

1890-2 (6)]

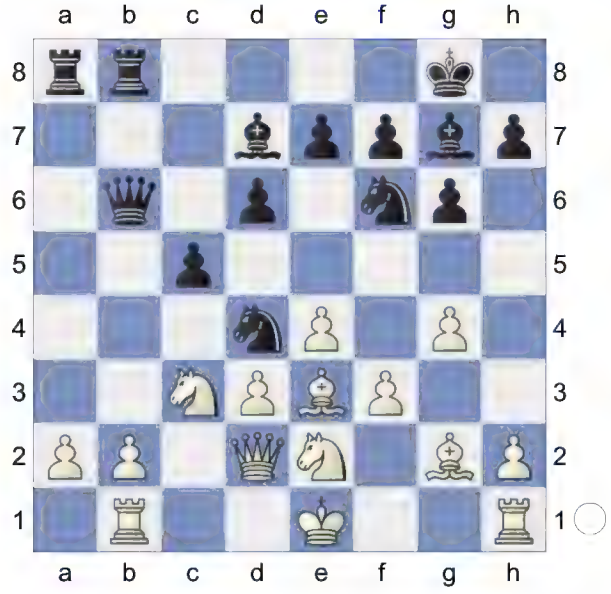
8.f3 Bd7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 The position is equal. **10...a6**

11.g4 b5 12.cxb5 -0.79/19

[12.0-0= -0.30/19]

12...axb5∓ 13.Nxb5 Qb6! 14.Nbc3 Rfb8 Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive. **15.Rb1 Nd4** -0.50/17

[15...Be6∓ -0.89/19 16.g5 Nd7]



16.0-0∓ Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Ne8 0.13/19

[17...Be6∓ -0.51/18 18.e5 Nd5 *(18...dxe5 19.a3∓)* 19.Nxd5 Bxd5]

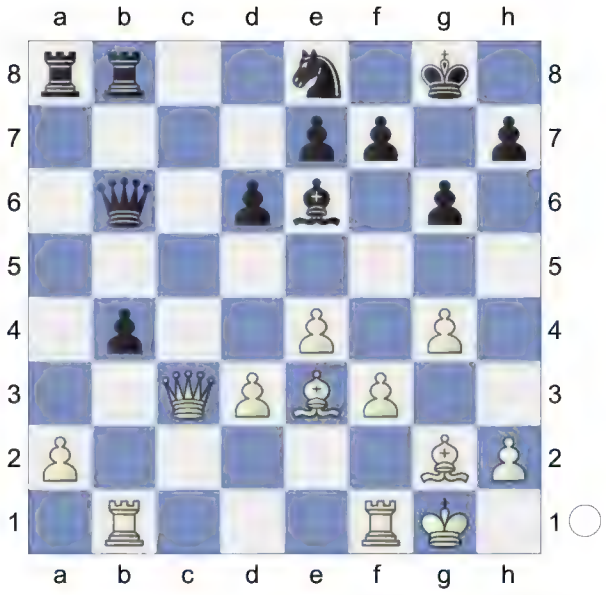
18.Qc2 -0.56/20

[18.e5= 0.13/19]

18...Be6 19.b4 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 cxb4

[20...Bxa2?! 21.bxc5 Qxb1 22.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 23.Kf2±]

[20...Rxa2?! 21.Qe1±]



21.Qd2 Rxa2 22.Qxa2 Bxa2 -0.22/17

[22...Qxe3+∓ -0.80/21 23.Qf2 Qf4 *(23...Qxd3 24.Qa7∓)*]

23.Bxb6= Bxb1 24.Ba7 Rb7

[24...Bxd3 25.Bxb8 b3 26.Re1 *(26.Rf2 Bc2=)*]

25.Rxb1 Rxa7

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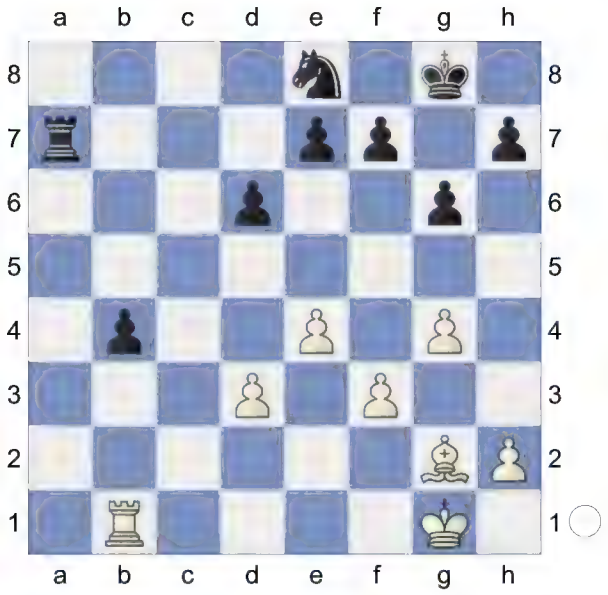
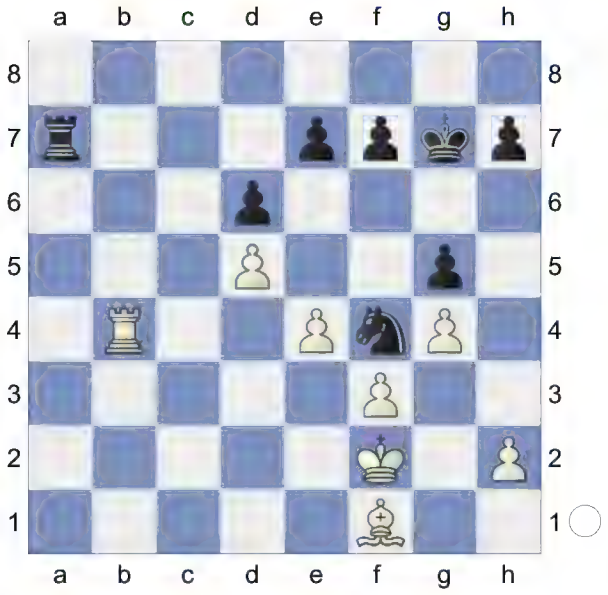
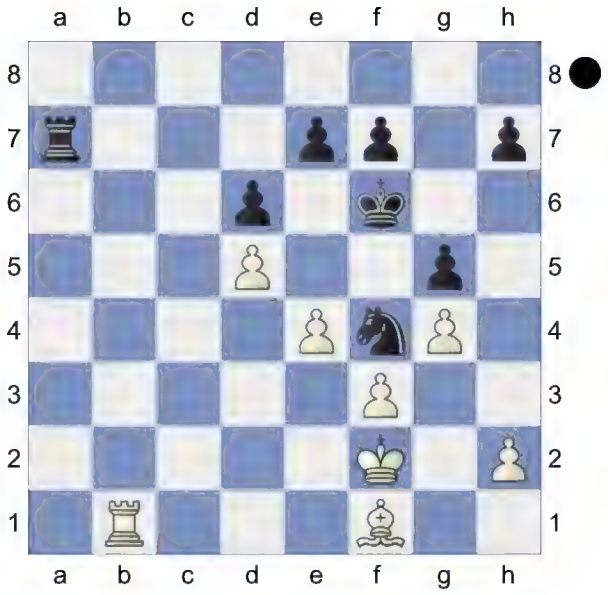


26.Rxb4 Endgame KRB-KRN **26...Nc7**
27.Kf2 g5 28.d4 -0.86/26
[28.Kg3= -0.28/21 remains equal.]
28...Ne6∓ 29.Bf1 Kg7 30.d5 -1.54/23
[Better is 30.Kg3 -1.05/23]
30...Nf4

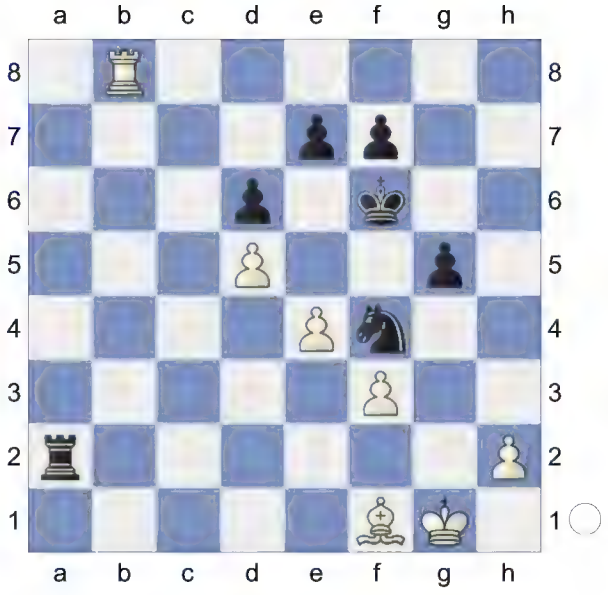


31.Rb2 -1.94/21 Inhibits Ra2.
[31.Rb1∓ -1.52/22]
31...Kf6 32.Rb1 -2.47/21
[⌓32.Bc4 -1.75/21]

(Diagram)



32...h5!-+ 33.gxh5 Ra2+
[33...Nxh5 34.Bc4∓]
34.Kg1 -2.60/20
[34.Ke3 -1.87/20]
34...Nxh5 35.Rb8 Nf4



Wards off Bh3 **36.Rh8?** -4.24/22
[36.Rb7∓ -1.39/20 was called for.]
36...Ng6 37.Rh3 Ke5 38.Rh7 f6
39.Bh3 Kf4 40.Bg4 Ke3

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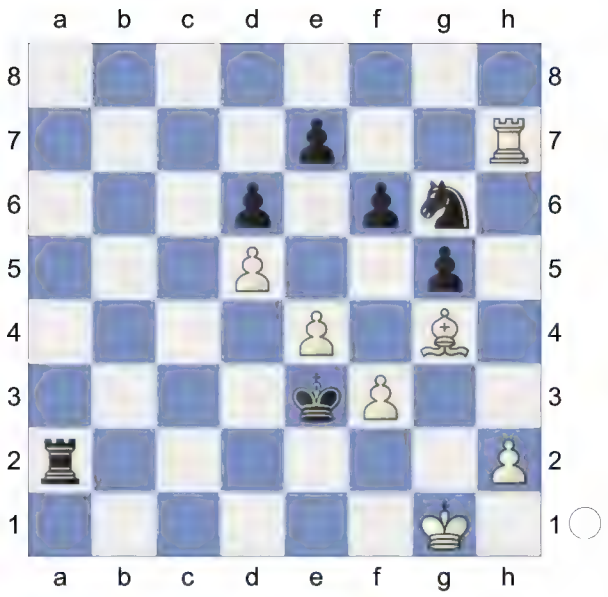
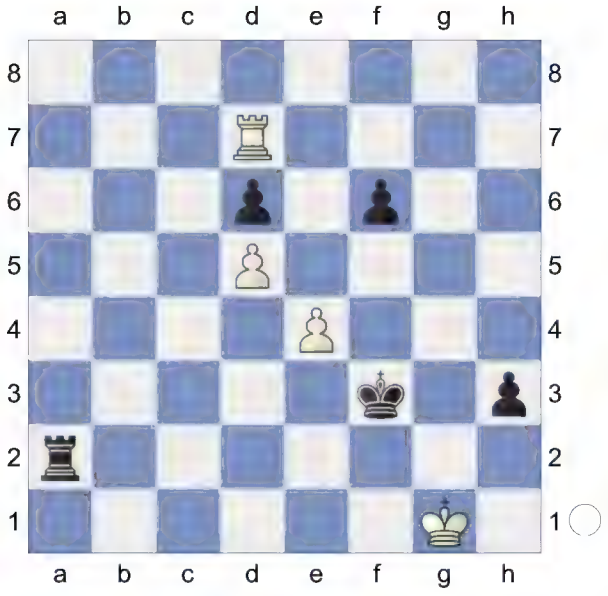
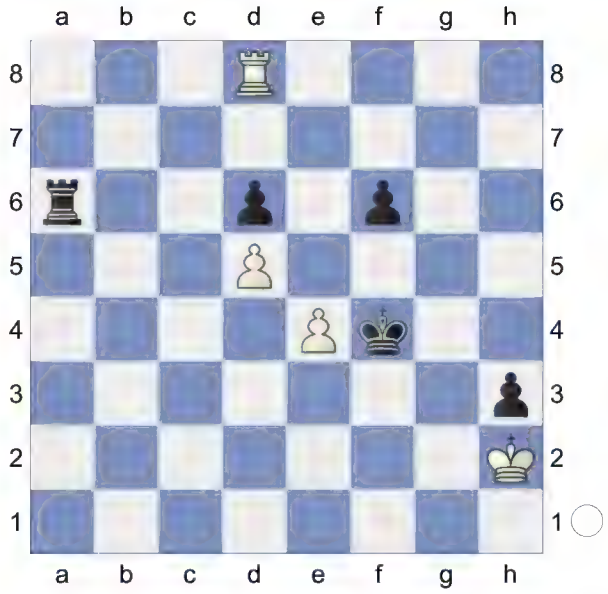


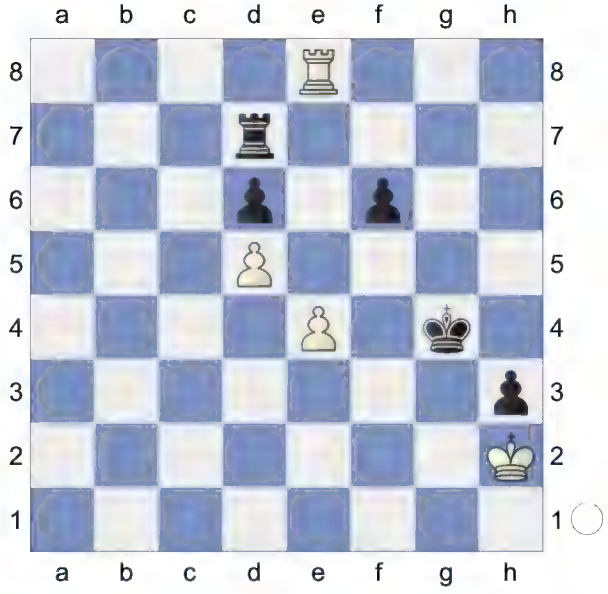
(-> ...Ra1+) **41.h4** -6.22/22
[⌓41.h3 -4.32/21]
41...gxh4 42.Rg7 Ne5 43.Rxe7 Nxf3+ 44.Bxf3 Kxf3 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **45.Rd7 h3**
[45...Kxe4 46.Rxd6 Kf5 47.Rd8∓]



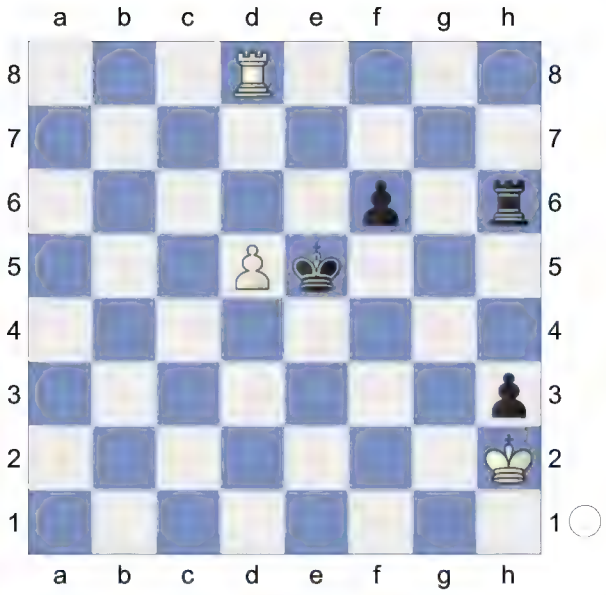
46.Rd8 Ra6
[Weaker is 46...Kxe4 47.Rxd6 Kf5 48.Rd8∓]
47.Re8 Ra4? -0.01/24
[Black should play 47...Ra2-+ -4.71/29 48.Rf8 Kg3 *(48...Kxe4 49.Rxf6 Kxd5 50.Rf3∓)* 49.Rg8+ Kf4]
48.Kh2!= Kg4
[48...Rxe4!? 49.Re6□ f5=]
49.Rg8+ Kf4 50.Rd8 Ra6
[50...Rxe4 51.Rxd6 Kg5 52.Kxh3]
[50...Ke5!? 51.Re8+□ Kf4=]



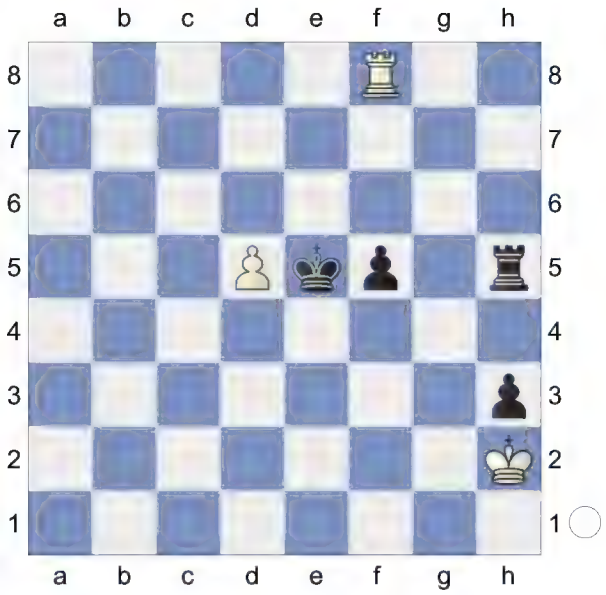
51.Re8 Kg4 52.Rg8+ Kf3 53.Re8 Ra7
[53...Kg4!?]
54.Re6 Rd7 55.Re8 Kg4



56.Rg8+ Kf4 57.Re8 Rh7 58.Re6 Rh6 59.Rxd6 Kxe4 60.Rd8 Ke5
(Diagram)

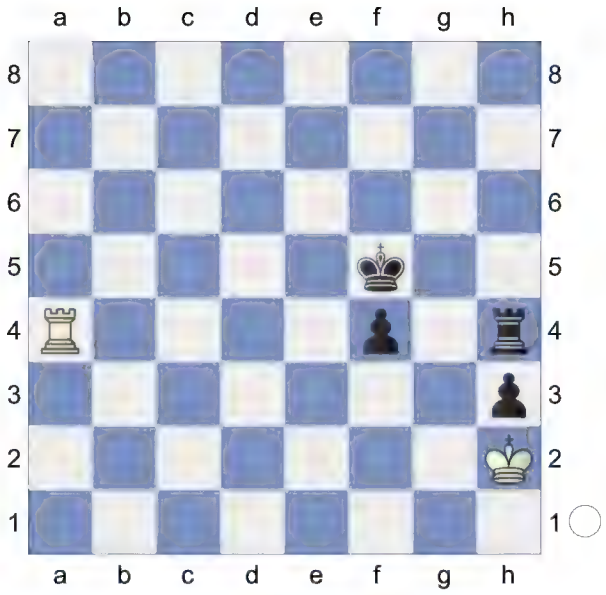


61.Rd7 Rh5 62.Rd8 Rh7 63.Rf8 Rh6 64.Rd8 f5 65.Rf8 Rh5

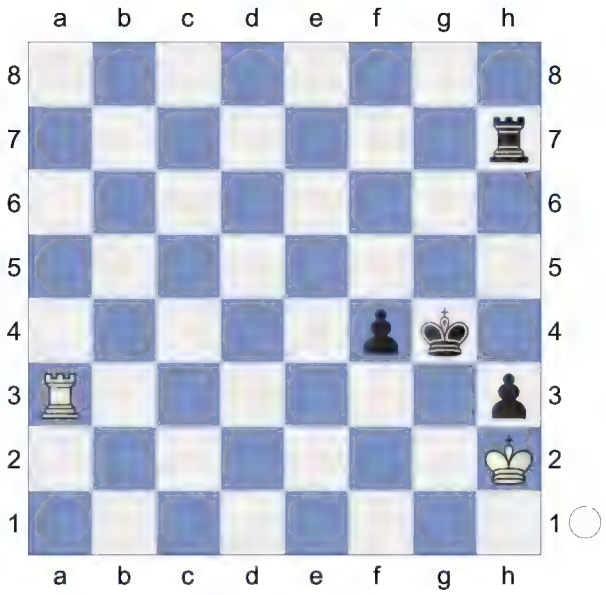


66.Rd8 Rh4 67.Rf8 f4 68.Ra8 Kxd5 69.Ra5+ Ke4 70.Ra4+ Kf5

(Diagram)



71.Ra3 Kg4 72.Ra8 Rh5 73.Rg8+ Kf3 74.Ra8 Rh7 75.Ra3+ Kg4

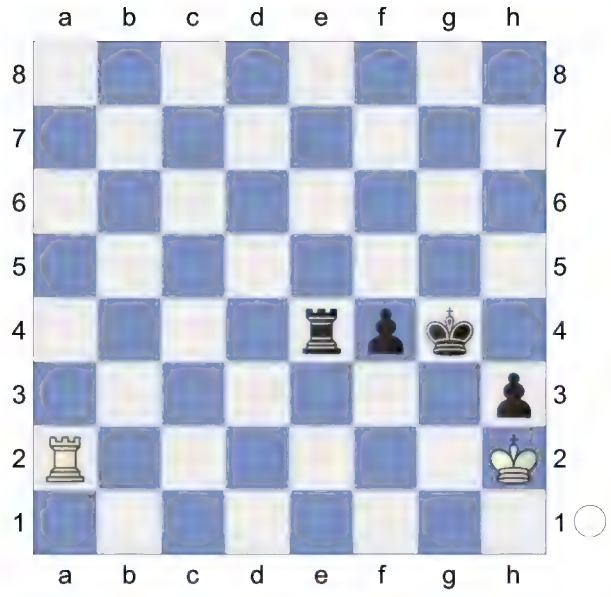


76.Ra8 Re7 77.Rg8+ Kf3 78.Ra8 Re1 79.Ra4? -13.60/25

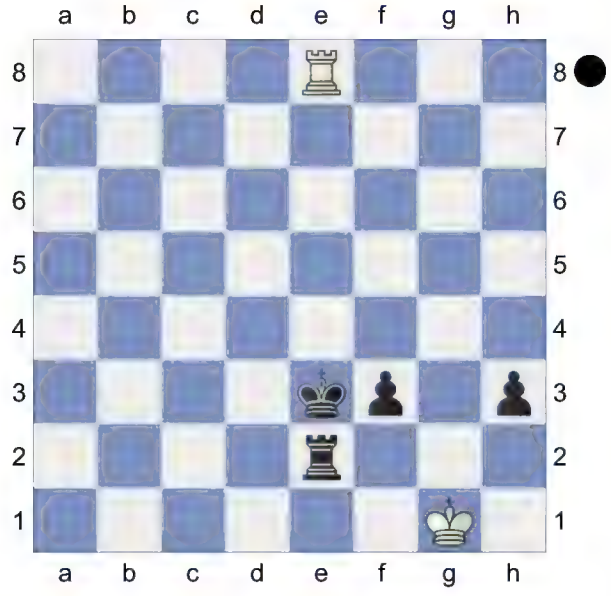
[79.Rb8= -0.08/29]

79...Kg4-+ 80.Ra2 Against Re2+ **80...Re4**

(Diagram)



(-> ...f3) **81.Ra8 Re2+ 82.Kg1 f3 83.Rg8+ Kf4** (-> ...Rg2+) **84.Rf8+ Ke3 85.Re8+**



Kd2!

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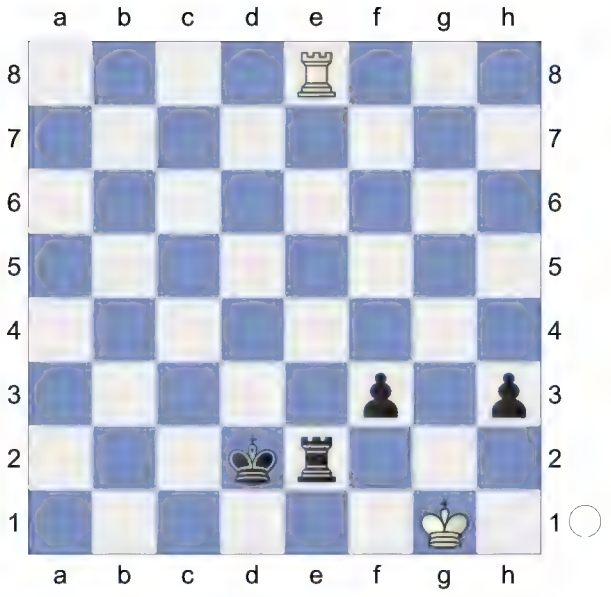
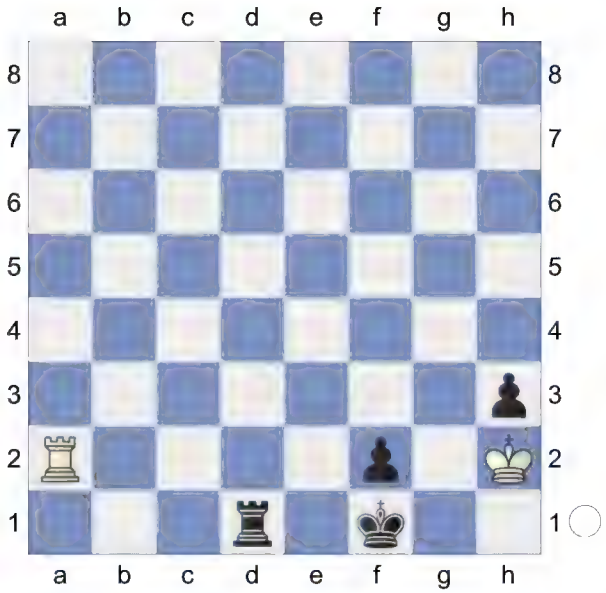


86.Rf8 Re1+ 87.Kh2 Ke2 Hoping for ... f2. **88.Re8+ Kf1 89.Ra8 f2 90.Ra2 Rd1** -10.18/25

[⌓90...Re3 -#29/27 91.Ra1+ Re1 92.Ra7 Re4 *(92...Re3? 93.Rb7-+)* 93.Kxh3 Ke2 94.Ra2+ Kf3 95.Ra3+ Re3 96.Ra1 Rd3 97.Kh4 Rd4+ 98.Kh3 Rd8 99.Kh4 Rh8+ 100.Kg5 Kg2 101.Kf5 Re8 *(101...f1B 102.Ke4∓; 101...f1Q+? 102.Rxf1 Kxf1 103.Ke6-+)* 102.Kg6 Rf8 *(102...f1B 103.Kf7∓; 102...f1Q 103.Rxf1 Kxf1 104.Kg7 Ke2 105.Kf7 Re4 106.Kf6 Kd3 107.Kg5 Re5+ 108.Kf6 Ke4 109.Kg6 Rf5 110.Kg7 Kf4 111.Kh6 Rf6+ 112.Kh7 Kg5 113.Kg7 Rf3 114.Kh8 Kh6 115.Kg8 Kg6 116.Kh8 Rf8#; 102...f1R 103.Ra5-+)* 103.Ra2 Kg3 104.Ra3+ Kg4 *(104...Rf3 105.Ra1-+)* 105.Ra4+ Rf4 106.Ra5 f1Q *(106...f1B 107.Rg5+ Kf3 108.Kh6-+)* 107.Rg5+ Kf3 108.Kh6 Qe2 109.Kh7 Qe6 110.Rg8 Qh3+ 111.Kg7 Qg2+ 112.Kh8 Rh4#]

(Diagram)



91.Kg3

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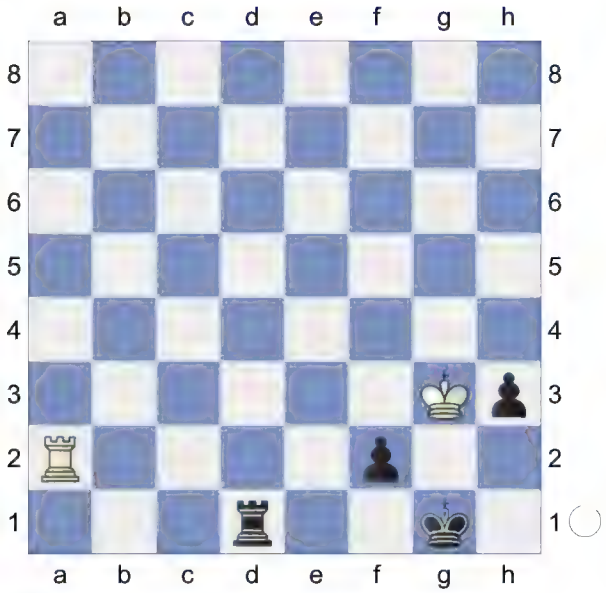
91...Kg1



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81 **A21**

□ **Bakre,T** **2509**

■ **Sasikiran,K** **2700**

32nd TCh-IND 2012 (4) 29.02.2012

[Kitty Kat]

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 d6 5.d3 f5

6.e4 Nf6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 c6 9.h3N

[9.exf5 gxf5 10.d4 Na6 11.b3 Bd7 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qd6 Qe8 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 Rd8 16.Rad1 Bc8 17.Qa3 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 f4 19.Qd6 Ng4 20.Be4 fxg3 21.Bxg3 Nf6 22.Bg2 Nh5 23.Ne4 Bf5 ½-½ (45) Fedorov,V (2530)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2640) Yerevan 2000 (8)]

[9.Rb1 Be6 10.exf5 gxf5 11.b4 Nh5 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 d5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Qb3 Nf6 16.Be3 Re8 17.Bd4 Nc6 18.Kh1 Ng4 19.Bxg7 d4 20.Qb2 Kxg7 21.Nb5 Qh4 22.h3 Bd5 23.Ng1 Bxg2+ ½-½ (44) Franco Ocampos,Z (2530)-Gurevich,M (2643) (ol) 97/3 Torino 2006]

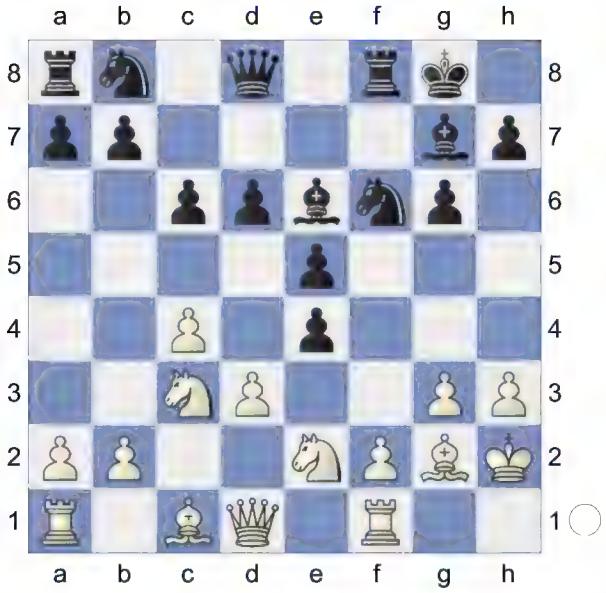
9...Be6 0.45/20

[9...f4= 0.04/20]

10.Kh2 -0.25/24

[10.exf5± 0.45/20 gxf5 11.Bg5]

10...fxe4=



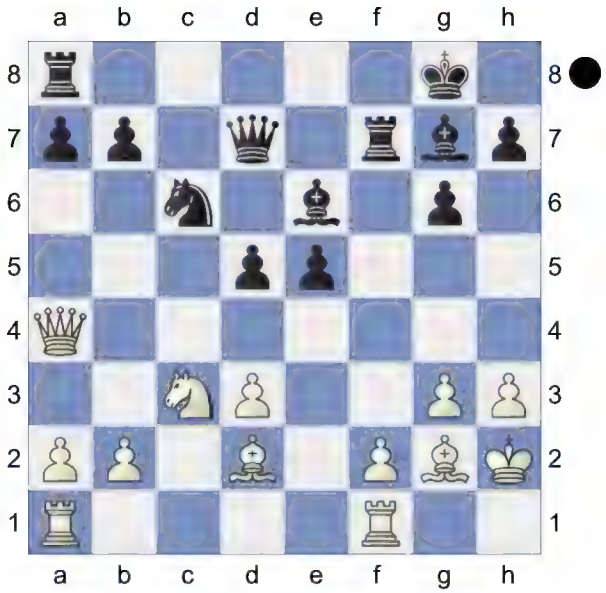
11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Black is slightly better. **12...d5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Bg2 Nc6 15.Nc3** -0.76/22

[15.d4∓ -0.36/22]

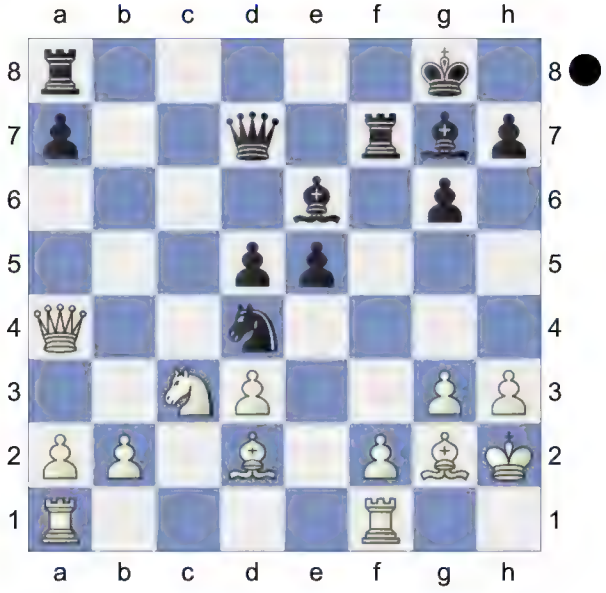
15...Qd7

Black is more active. **16.Bd2 Rf7 17.Qa4** -1.38/20

[⌓17.f4 -0.93/22]

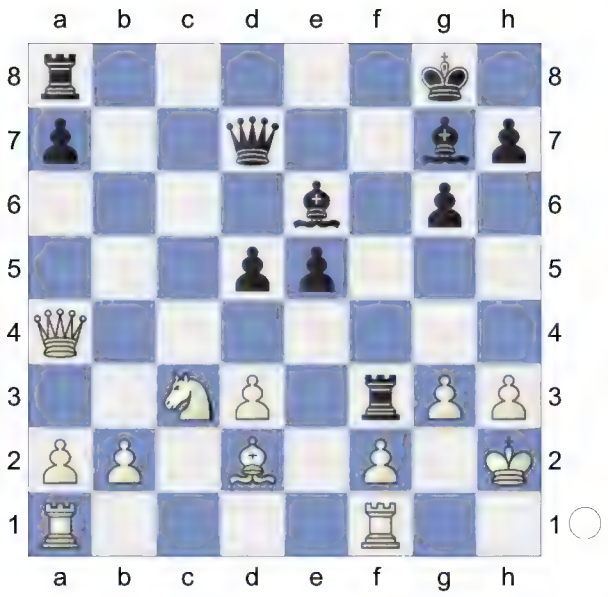


17...b5 -0.61/24 **18.Nxb5 Nd4 19.Nc3**

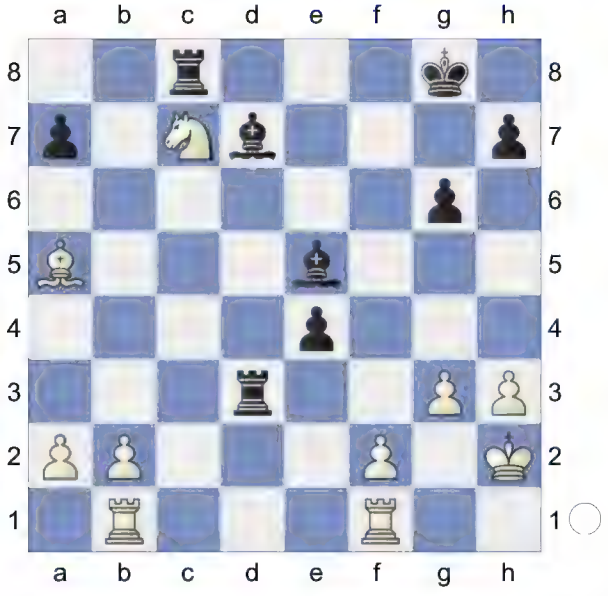


Nf3+! 20.Bxf3 Rxf3

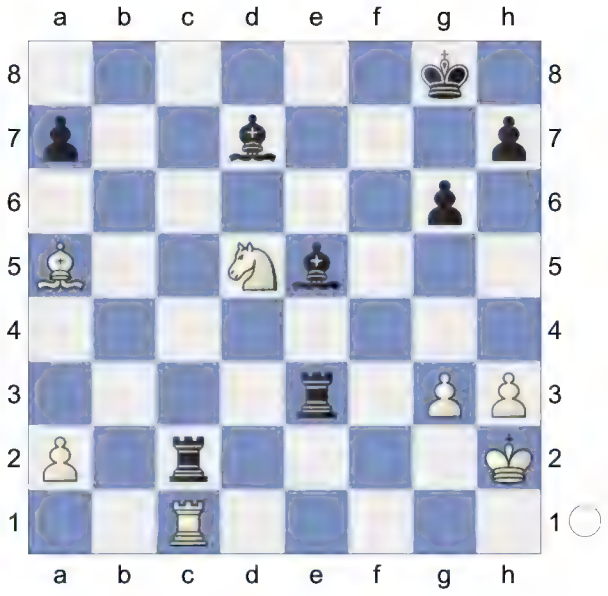
(Diagram)



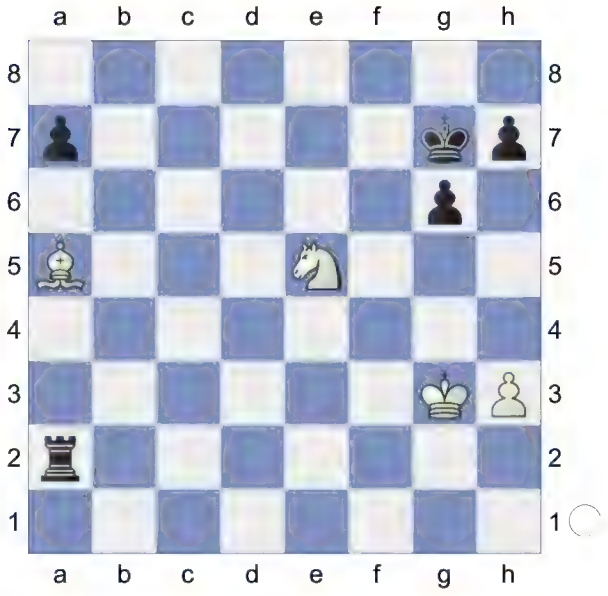
21.Qxd7 Bxd7 22.Nxd5 -1.12/21
[22.Rad1∓ -0.68/23 should be considered. Rxd3 23.Bg5 Rxd1 24.Rxd1]
22...Rxd3∓ 23.Nc7 Rc8↑ White is under strong pressure. **24.Ba5** White is weak on the light squares
24...e4 This move loses the game for White. **25.Rab1** -2.50/19
[25.Rad1∓ -1.24/19]
25...Be5-+



26.Rbc1 Bxb2 A strong pair of Bishops.
27.Rc2 Be5 28.Rfc1 e3 29.fxe3 Rxe3
30.Nd5 Rxc2+
[30...Rxg3 31.Rxc8+ Bxc8 32.Rxc8+±]
[30...Bxg3+ 31.Kg2 Rxc2+ 32.Rxc2 Bxh3+ 33.Kxh3+-]

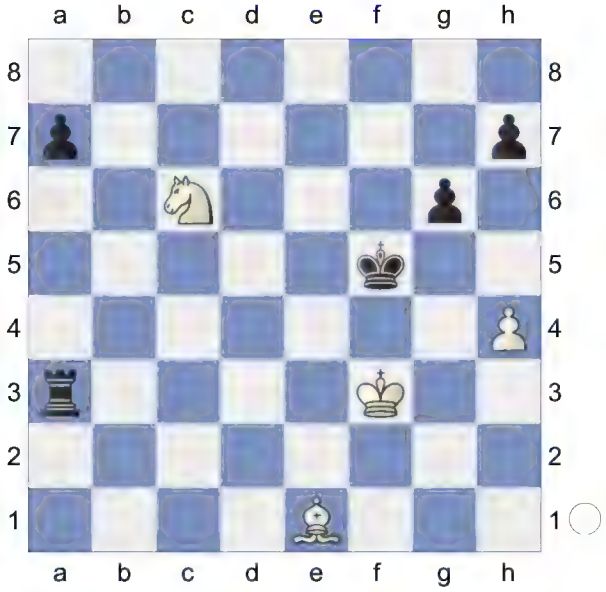


31.Rxc2 Rxg3 32.Nf6+ Kg7
[32...Bxf6 33.Kxg3 Be5+ 34.Kg2±]
33.Nxd7 Rc3+ Discovered Attack (Check) **34.Nxe5 Rxc2+ 35.Kg3 Rxa2**
[35...Rc5 36.Be1=]

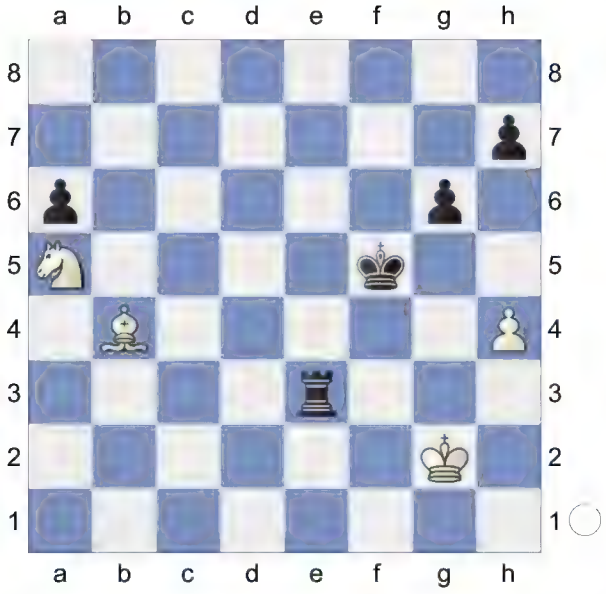


36.Nc6 Kf6 37.h4 Ra3+ 38.Kf4 Ra4+

39.Kf3 Kf5
[39...Rxh4? 40.Bd8+ *(40.Nxa7? Ra4-+)* 40...Kf5 41.Bxh4+-]
40.Be1 -4.24/19
[⌓40.Bb4 -2.95/19]
40...Ra3+



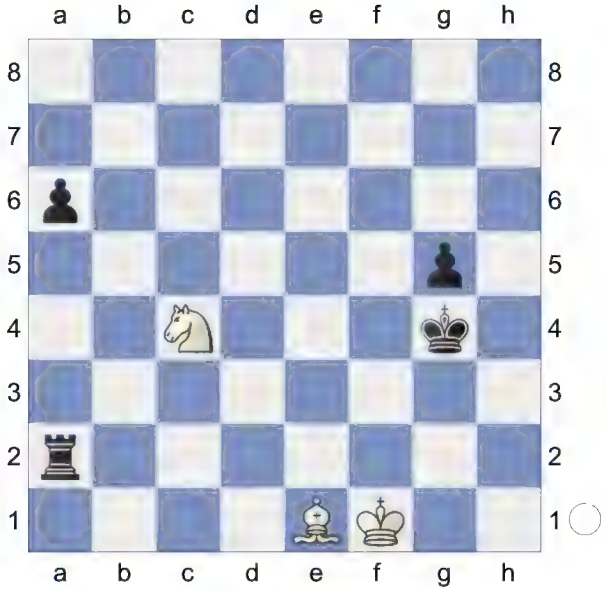
41.Kg2 Ke4 42.Bb4 Rb3 43.Be1 a6 44.Na5 Re3 45.Bb4 Kf5



46.Nc4 Rb3 47.Be1 Kf4 48.Ba5 Kg4 49.Be1 Rb1 50.Kf1 -6.58/19
[⌓50.Bf2 -4.36/18]
50...Rc1

(Diagram)

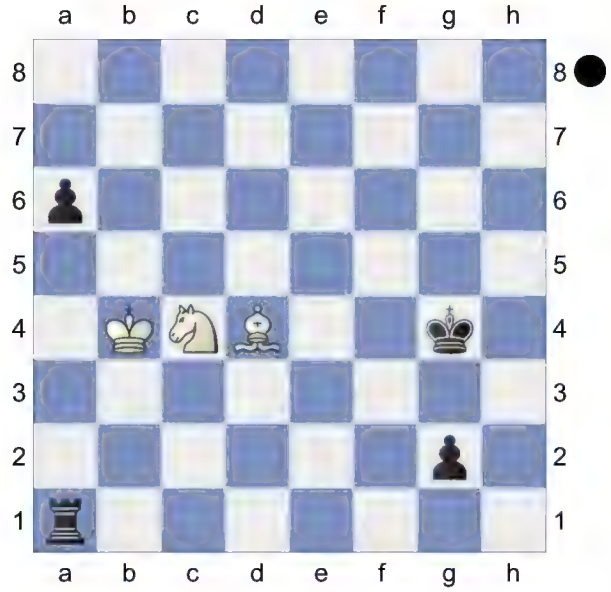
51.Na5 Rc2 52.Nb3 Ra2 53.Na5 h6 54.Nc4 g5 55.hxg5 hxg5



56.Bd2 Black is clearly winning. **56...Kh4 57.Ke2 g4 58.Kd3 g3 59.Kc3 g2 60.Be3 Ra1**

(Diagram)

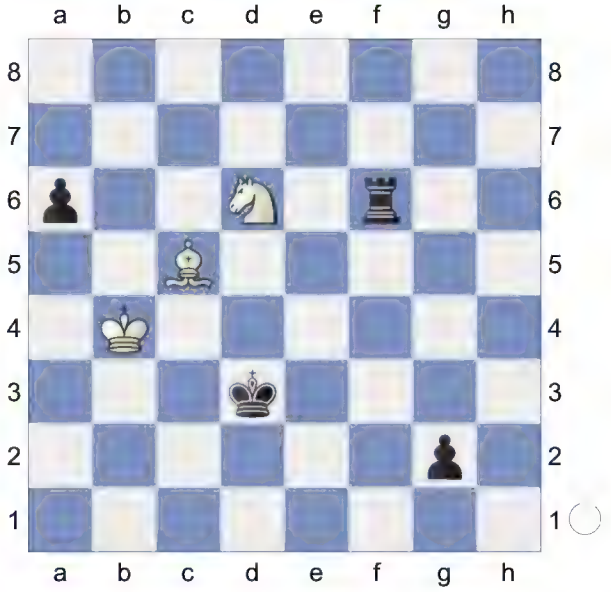
61.Kb4 Kg4
[61...g1Q 62.Bxg1 Rxg1 63.Ka5∓]
62.Bd4



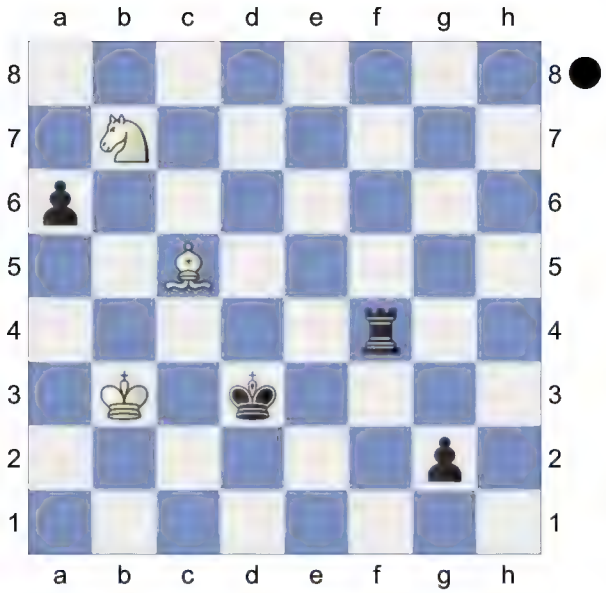
Kf4! 63.Kc5
[63.Kb3 Kf3]
63...Rb1
[63...g1B 64.Bxg1 Rxg1 65.Kb6=]
64.Bf2 Kf3
[64...g1R 65.Bxg1 Rxg1 66.Kb6=]
65.Bd4 Rd1
[65...g1R 66.Bxg1 Rxg1 67.Kb6=]

(Diagram)

66.Be3 Ke4
[And not 66...g1B 67.Bxg1 Ke4 *(67...Rxg1 68.Kb6=)* 68.Bf2=]
67.Bf2 Rc1
[67...g1R? 68.Bxg1 Rxg1 69.Kb4-+]
68.Kb4 Kd3
[68...g1N? 69.Ba7-+]
69.Nd6 Rf1 70.Bc5 Rf6
[Less strong is 70...g1R 71.Bxg1 Rxg1 72.Nc8-+]



Strongly threatening ...Rxd6!. **71.Nb7 Rf4+ 72.Kb3**



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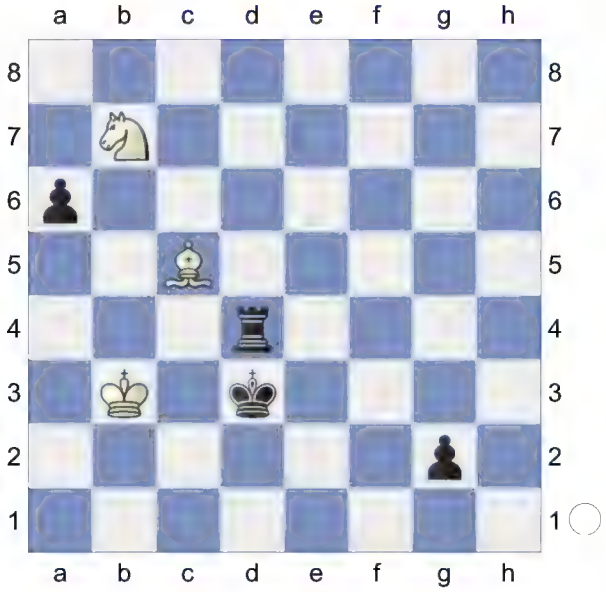
72...Rd4!



Promotion

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82 **A34**

□ **Ernst,Sipke** **2504**

■ **Grooten,H** **2362**

Dutch Open Dieren NED (6) 31.07.2006

[Kitty Kat]

A34: Symmetrical English: 2 Nc3, lines with ...d5

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 b6 3.e4 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7

6.d3 Bb7 7.f4 -0.16/24

[7.Nge2± 0.33/22]

7...d6= **8.Nf3** The position is equal.

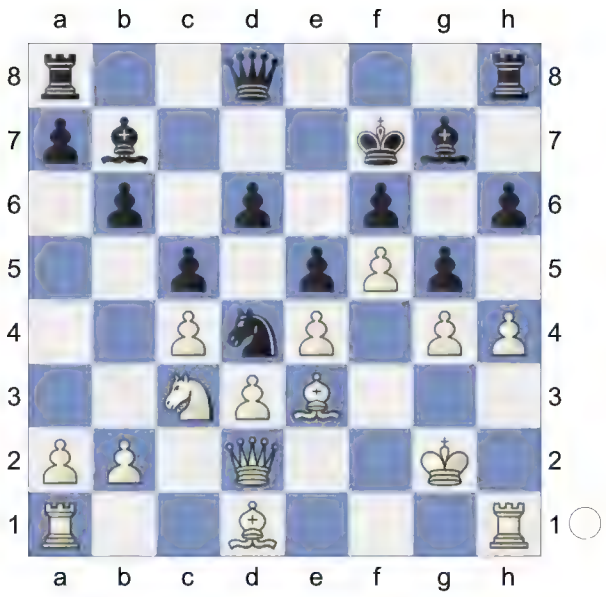
8...e6 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Kh1 0-0

(Diagram)

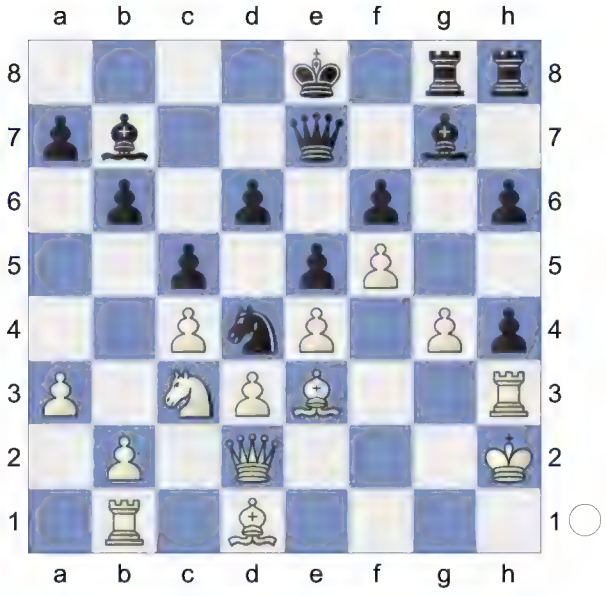
11.g4 Nd4 0.07/23
[11...f5∓ -0.51/20]
12.f5 Nec6 0.61/19
[12...gxf5= -0.02/23 13.gxf5 exf5]
13.Bg5± f6 14.Be3 e5 1.12/20
[14...Qd7± 0.38/19]
15.Qd2 g5

16.h4 Nxf3 1.51/22
[Black should play 16...h6 1.10/21]
17.Bxf3± h6 18.Kg2 White is more active. **18...Kf7 19.Rh1 Nd4 20.Bd1 Rh8**

(Diagram)



21.Kg3 Qe7 22.Rb1 Rag8 23.Rh3 Kf8 1.69/20
[23...gxh4+± 1.21/20 24.Rxh4 *(24.Kh2 h5±)* 24...h5]
24.a3 gxh4+ 25.Kh2
[25.Kxh4?! h5 26.gxh5 Rh7±]
25...Ke8



26.Rxh4
[26.b4?! h5±]
26...Kd8 27.Rh5
[27.Bxh6? Qf8 28.Bg5 *(28.g5? fxg5 29.Rh3 Rxh6-+)* 28...fxg5-+]
27...Bc6 28.b4

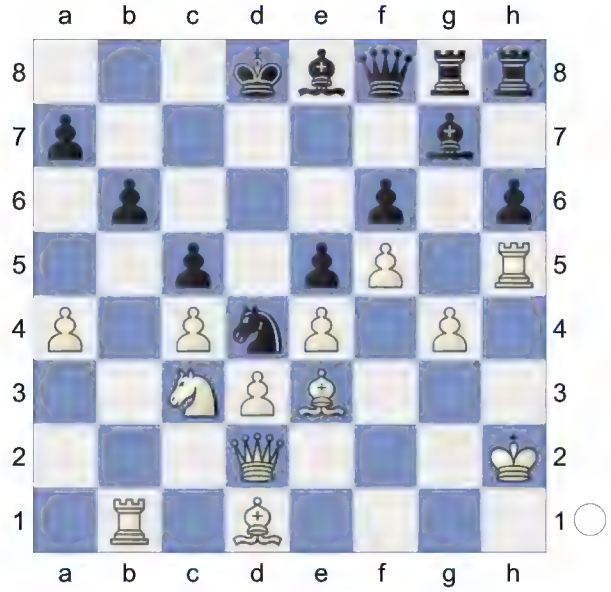
[28.Bxh6? Bxh6 29.Rxh6 Qg7 30.Rxh8 Rxh8+ 31.Kg1 *(31.Kg3? Qh7-+)* 31...Rh3-+]

28...Qf8 2.50/17

[⌓28...Kc8 1.68/16 29.a4 *(29.Bxh6? Bxh6 30.Rxh6 Qg7-+)* 29...Bf8]

29.bxc5 dxc5 30.a4 Be8? 4.39/19

[30...Ke7 2.34/16 31.a5 Kf7]



31.a5!+- b5

[31...bxa5 32.Nd5 Kc8 33.Qxa5]

[31...Bxh5 32.gxh5 Qd6 33.axb6 *(33.Nd5 Qd7+-)* 33...axb6 34.Nd5]

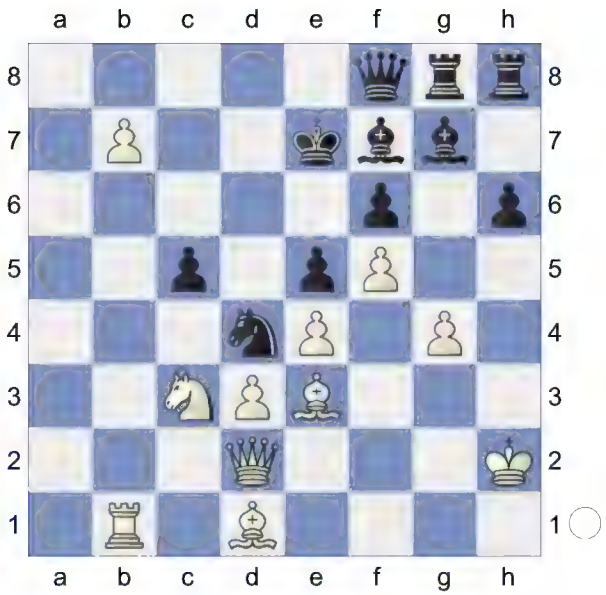
[31...Qd6 32.axb6]

32.cxb5 Bxh5 33.b6 axb6 6.22/17

[⌓33...Qf7 4.11/17 34.gxh5 Bf8]

34.axb6 Bf7 35.b7 Ke7

(Diagram)



36.Na4

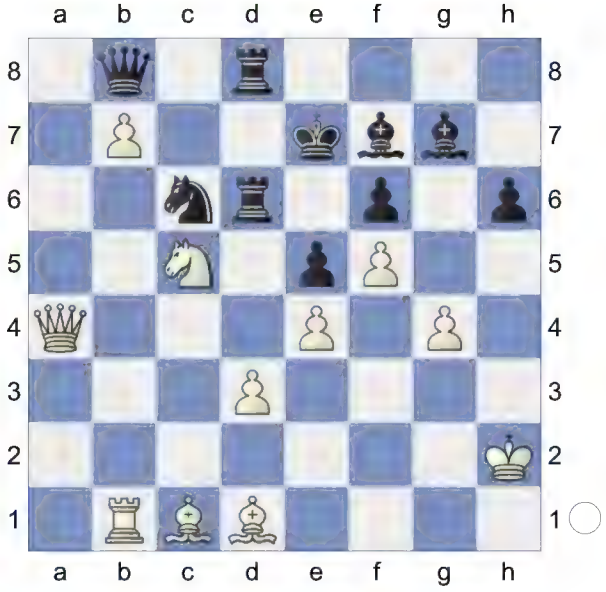
[36.b8R Qxb8 37.Rxb8 Rxb8=]

36...Qb8 37.Qa5 Prevents Qc7.

37...Rd8 38.Nxc5 Rd6 39.Bc1 Nc6

[But not 39...h5 40.Na6+- *(40.g5 Nc6+-)*]

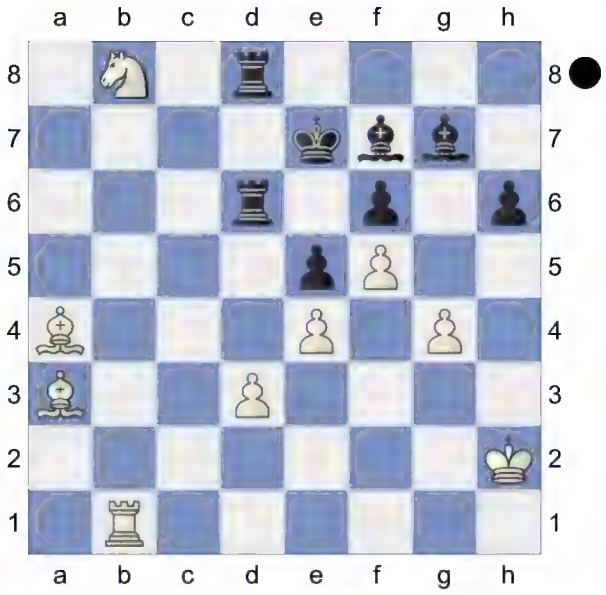
40.Qa4 Rhd8



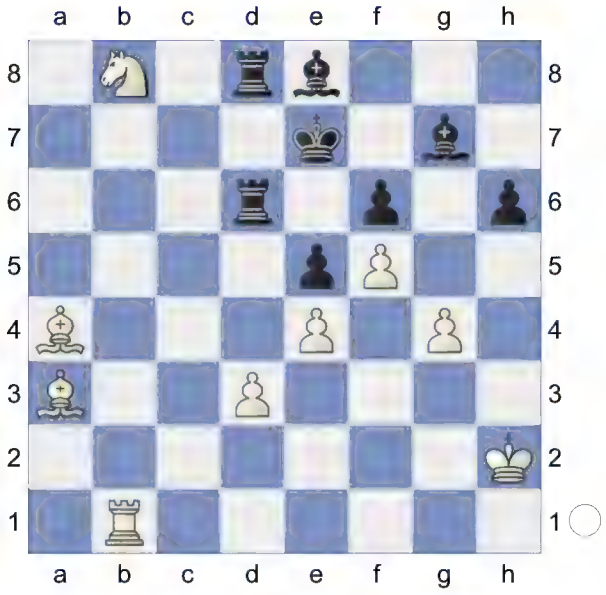
41.Ba3 White is clearly winning.

41...Qc7 42.Na6 Repels Nb8 **42...Qd7 43.b8Q Nxb8 44.Nxb8 Qxa4 45.Bxa4**

(Diagram)



Nc6+ is the strong threat. **45...Be8**

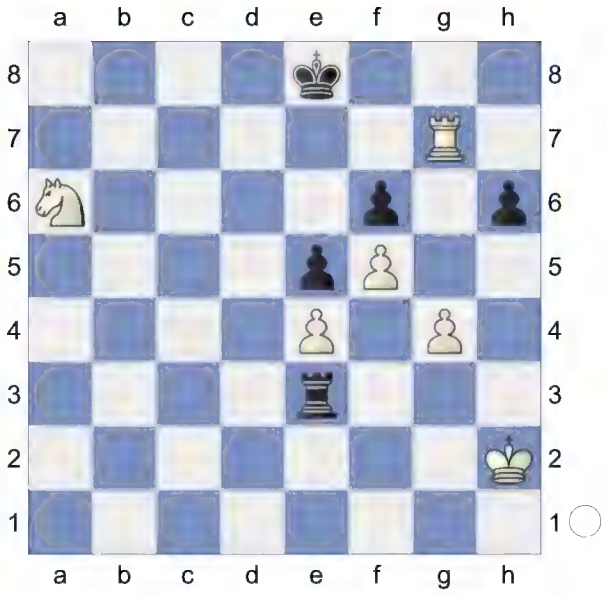


46.Rb7+

[Not 46.Bxd6+ Kxd6 47.Bxe8 Rxe8±]

46...Kf8 47.Bxe8 Kxe8 48.Bxd6 Rxd6 49.Rxg7 Rxd3 Endgame KRN-KR **50.Na6 Re3**

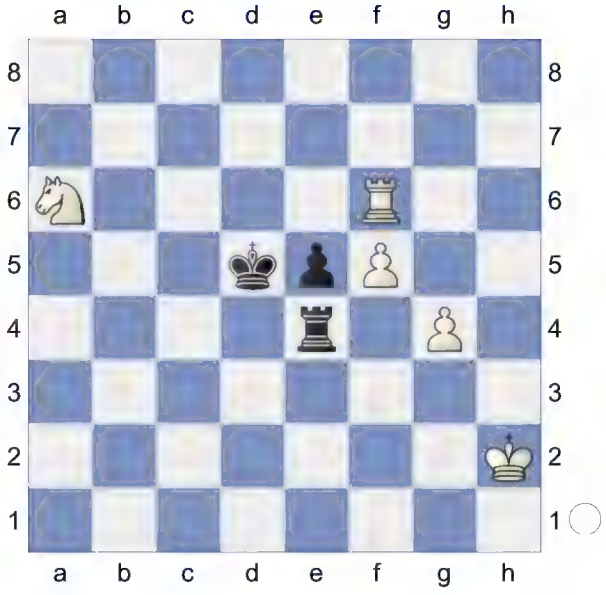
(Diagram)



51.Nc5 Kf8 52.Rg6 Ke7 53.Rxh6 Kd6 54.Na6 Rxe4 55.Rxf6+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.46

55...Kd5



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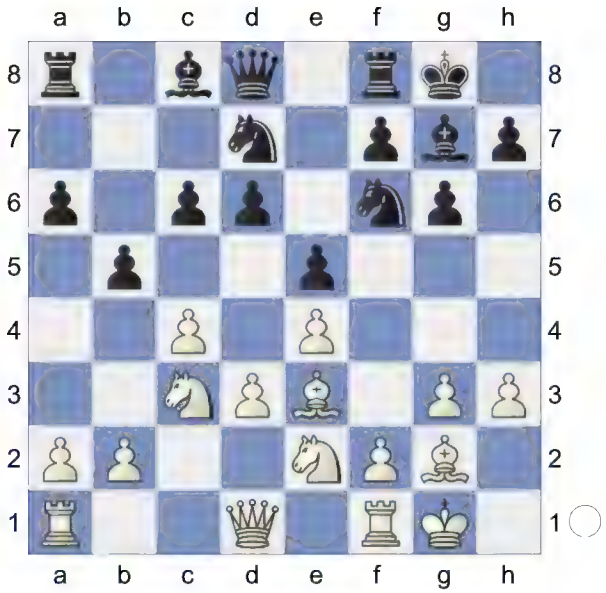
83 **A24**
□ **Brooks,Ian S** **2497**
■ **Vinot,Serge** **2520**
corr EM/OL14/G3/B1 25.09.2000
[Kitty Kat]

A24: English Opening vs King's Indian: Lines without ...Nc6
Queenside Avalanche A piece sac for three pawns may also lead to a rather overwhelming Queenside majority, as in the following game: **1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d6 5.d3 0-0**

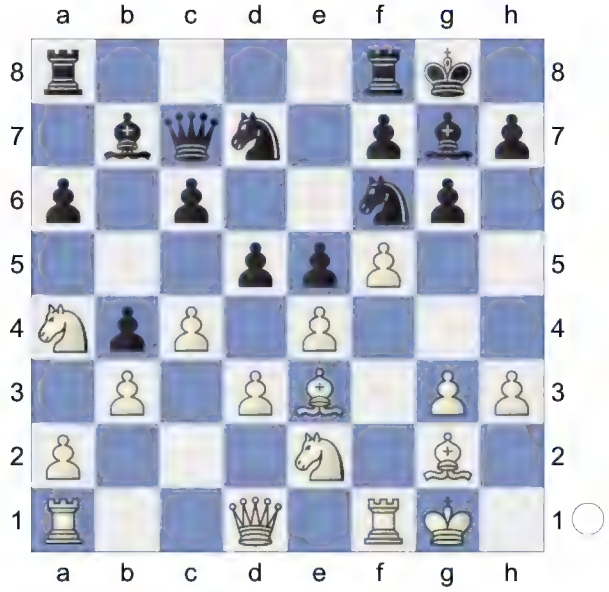
6.e4 e5 7.Nge2 Nbd7 8.0-0 c6 9.h3 a6 10.Be3 b5

(Diagram)

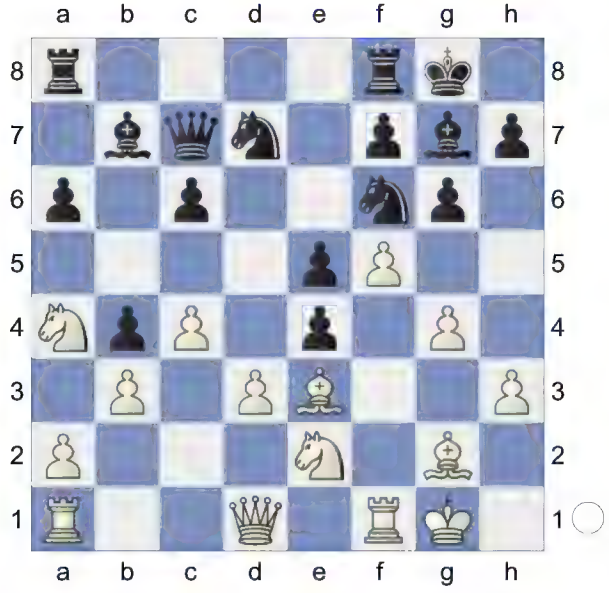


11.b3N -0.33/19
[11.a3± 0.40/19 Rb8 *(11...Bb7 12.f4 Qe7 13.f5 Ne8 14.b4 Nc7 15.g4 f6 16.a4 Kh8 17.Qd2 a5 18.bxa5 b4 19.Nb5 cxb5 20.axb5 Nc5 21.Rfb1 Rfb8 22.Rxb4 Bc8 23.Nc3 Bd7 24.Rbb1 Qe8 25.Kh1 Bf8 26.d4* (32) Part V Three Pawns For A Pie- Tiberiu Marian Georgescu Vs) 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.Rfd1 d5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Nf6 17.Nc3 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Rac1 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qd5+ 21.Kh2 Rfd8 22.Qc6 a5 23.Bb6 Qxc6 24.Rxc6 Rd5 25.Rdc1 h5 26.Rc8+ ½-½ (35) Tong, Y (2510)-Li,S (2552) CHN-chT 3rd Chiva 2007 (1)]
[11.Qd2 Bb7 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 Re8 14.Ng3 Nb6 15.a4 b4 16.Nce2 a5 17.b3 c5 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.Bf2 Rab8 20.Kh2 Nbd7 21.Bf3 Kh8 22.Rg1 Rg8 23.Nf1 Ne8 24.Ne3 Nc7 25.Rde1 Rbe8 ½-½ (41) Lodes, H-8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10 USSR 31/ 481 1981 (17)]
11...Bb7 0.51/21
[Black should play 11...b4!∓ -0.33/19 12.Nb1 Bb7]

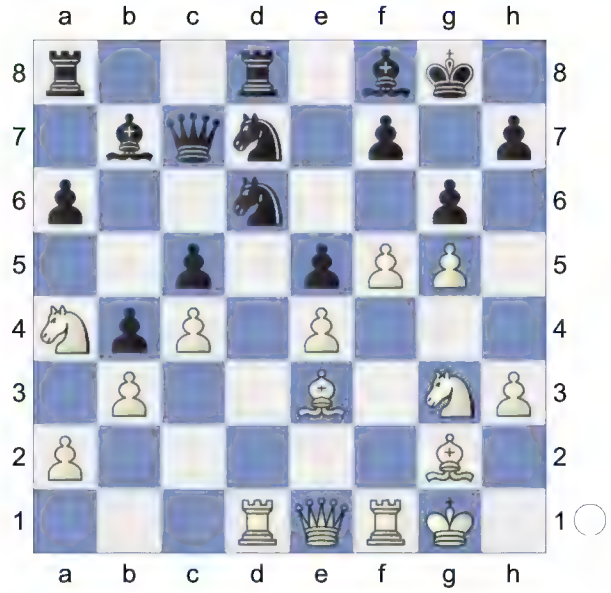
12.f4 -0.38/20
[12.a3± 0.51/21]
12...Qc7 0.82/17
[12...exf4∓ -0.38/20 stays ahead. 13.Bxf4 b4]
13.f5± b4 14.Na4 d5



15.g4! dxe4 1.46/23
[⌓15...h6 1.03/19]

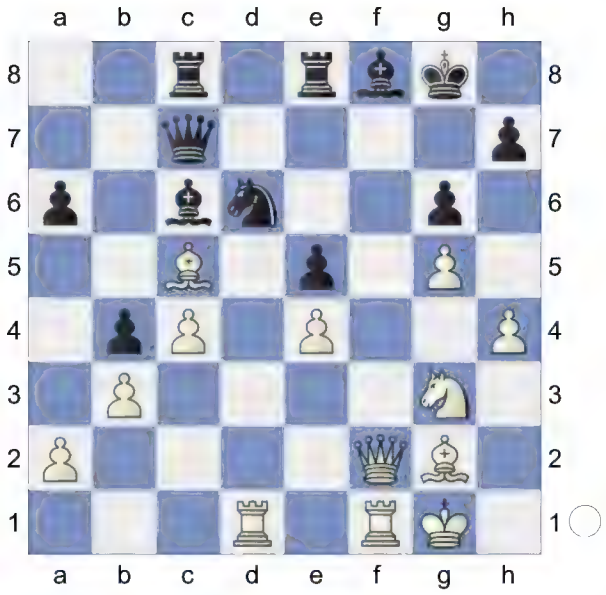


16.dxe4 Rfd8 17.g5 Ne8 1.67/21
[17...Nh5± 1.03/21]
18.Qe1+- c5 19.Ng3 White is more active. **19...Nd6** 2.04/19
[19...a5± 1.56/19 20.Qf2 Bc6]
20.Rd1 Bf8 2.35/20
[20...Bc6± 1.52/18]

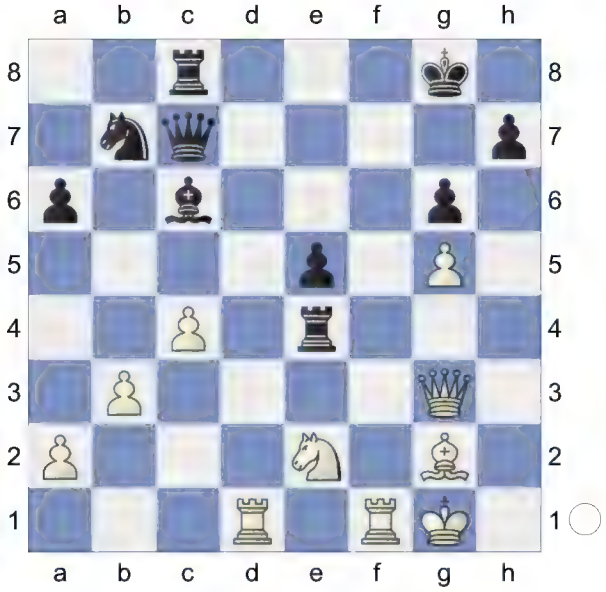


21.Qf2 Rac8 3.06/20
[21...Bc6 2.08/17 was worth a try. 22.fxg6 *(22.Nxc5 Nxc5 23.Bxc5 Nb7±; 22.Bxc5 Bxa4 23.Bxb4 Bc6∓)* 22...fxg6]
22.h4 Bc6 23.fxg6
[23.Nxc5 Nxc5 24.Bxc5 Nb7 25.Rxd8 *(25.Bb6 Qxb6* Decoy *26.Qxb6 Bc5+±)* 25...Qxd8+-]
23...fxg6 24.Nxc5 Nxc5 25.Bxc5 Re8

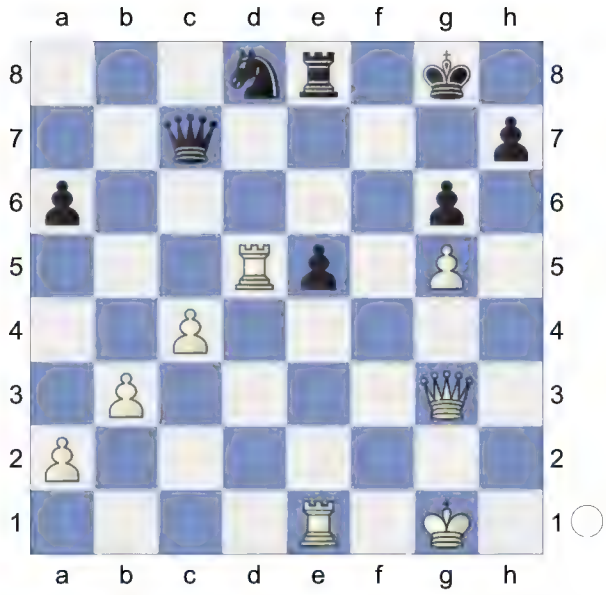
(Diagram)



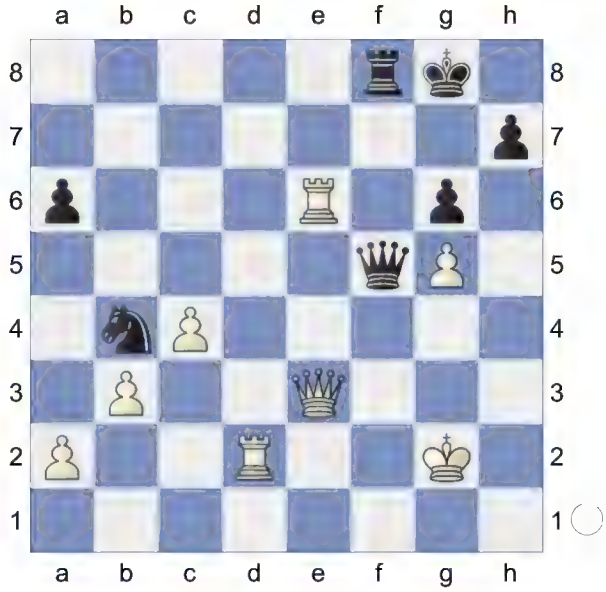
26.Bxb4 Nb7 27.Bxf8 Rxf8 28.Qe3 Rf4 29.Ne2 Rxh4 30.Qg3 Rxe4



31.Nc3 White is clearly winning.
[Resist 31.Bxe4 Bxe4 32.Nc3 Bc6+-]
31...Rd4 32.Nd5 Wards off Qb6
32...Bxd5 33.Bxd5+
[Not 33.cxd5 Qc5 34.Rxd4 Qxd4+ 35.Qf2 Nd6=]
33...Rxd5 34.Rxd5
[34.cxd5 Re8 35.Rc1 Qd7±]
34...Re8 35.Re1 Nd8
(Diagram)



36.Rexe5 Rf8 37.Qe3 Qf7 6.29/20
[⌓37...Qc8 4.38/19 38.Re4 Nc6]
38.Kg2 Nc6 39.Re6 Nb4 40.Rd2 Qf5



41.Re7 Qg4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.43
42.Qg3

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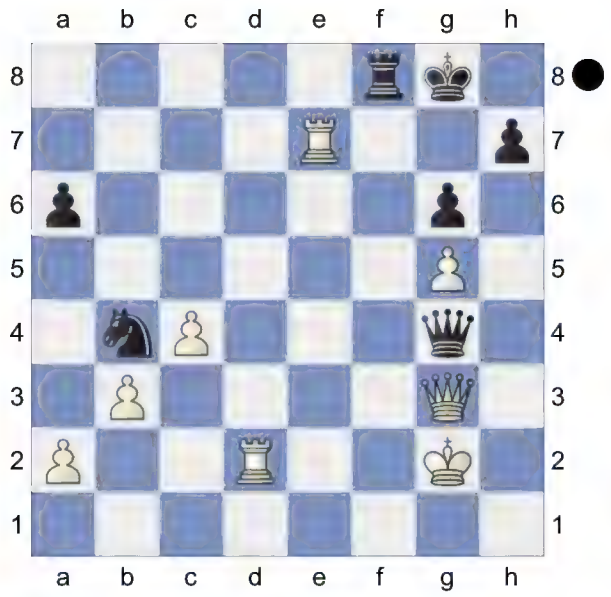

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84 **A36**
□ **Edelmann,Helmut** **2485**
■ **Ernazarov,Nazar Yazdurdyevich**
ICCF GMN/001 corr 30.04.2002
[TA]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7

1.c4 Myers
[1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6!? 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2+- Myers e5!? 6.a3?! d6
A) 7.Rb1 a5 8.d3 Nge7 9.0-0 *(9.Nd2* 1-0 Fateev,S-Bergmann,M/ corr IECC 2003/ *Be6 10.Nde4 f5 11.Ng5 Bc8 12.b4 axb4 13.axb4 h6 14.b5 Nb4 15.Nh3 0-0 16.e4 f4 17.f3 g5 18.Nf2 Ng6 19.Bh3* ½-½ Scheuermann,B-Ernazarov,N/ corr ICCF 2002/ *Bxh3 20.Nxh3 Qd7 21.g4 Nh4 22.Rg1 Nc2+ 23.Qxc2 Nxf3+ 24.Kf1 Nxg1 25.Kxg1 Qxg4+ 26.Qg2 Qh4 27.Nf2 h5 28.Qh3 Qxh3 29.Nxh3 Bf6 30.Nf2 g4 31.Nd5 Bh4 32.Bb2 Bxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Kf7 34.Rg1 Ra2 35.Rb1 h4 36.Nc3 Raa8 37.h3 Rg8 38.hxg4 Rxg4 39.Rh1 Kg6 40.Ne2 Ra2 41.Bc3* 1-0 Haugen,A-Vosahlik,J/corr ICCF 2001/ *Kh5?! 42.Be1 Rg3)* 9...0-0 10.Bd2 Rb8 11.Ne1 Be6 12.Nc2 d5 13.b3 b6 14.e4;
B) 7.0-0 Nge7 8.d3 0-0 9.Ne1 Be6 10.Nc2 Rb8 11.b4 b6! 12.b5 Nd4 13.Ne3 Qd7 14.Ned5 Nxd5+- Myers 15.cxd5? Bh3+- 16.Bxh3!? Qxh3? 17.e3 Nf5 18.Ne4 Ne7 19.Qb3 h6 20.f3□ Qd7 21.Bd2 f5 22.Nc3 g5 23.Qc4□ f4 24.g4 fxe3 25.Bxe3 Ng6 26.Qe4 Nh4 27.a4= Myers Rf6!? 28.Rf2!? Re8!? 29.Raf1!? Rf4!? ⌓30.Bxf4! exf4 31.Qc4 Bd4 32.Ne4 Qg7± Myers 33.Qc2!? Nxf3+!? 34.Kh1!? Bxf2! 35.Qxf2 Nd4 36.Re1 Rd8 37.Nd2 Qf7 38.Qg2 f3 39.Qh3 Qxd5 40.Qxh6 f2+ 41.Re4 Rf8 42.Kg2 f1Q+ 43.Nxf1 ½-½ De Almeida,M-Ernazarov,N/ corr ICCF 2002/ Nf3!⇄ 44.Ng3!? Ne1+ 45.Kg1 Nf3+ 46.Kh1 Qxd3 47.Kg2 Qc2+ 48.Re2 Nh4+ 49.Kh3 Qg6 50.Re6 Qxh6 51.Rxh6 Rf4 52.Rxd6 Rxa4 53.Rd5 Nf3 54.Nf5 Kf7 55.Kg3 Ra3 56.Kg2 Ke6 57.Rd8 Ke5 58.Re8+ Kf4 59.Ng3 Ra2+ 60.Ne2+ Kxg4 61.Re4+ Kf5 62.Kxf3 g4+]

1...Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.e4 Nc6 4.g3
[4.g4 h6 5.Bg2 d6 6.h3 g6 7.d3 Bg7 8.Be3 Nd7 9.Qd2 Nf8 10.f4 Ne6 11.Nge2 Ned4 12.Ng3 Bd7 13.Rb1 a6 14.0-0 e6 15.e5 dxe5 16.Nge4 b6 17.b4 cxb4 18.Nd6+ Ke7 ½-½ (41) Kortschnoj,V (2625)-

Pelletier,Y (2525) 74/41 Zürich 1998]

4...g6N

[4...e5 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nge2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 h6 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Ng4 11.h3 Nge5 12.Nd5 Bg5 13.Qd2 Be6 14.b3 a6 15.d4 Ng6 16.Bxg5 hxg5 17.Rad1 b5 18.Ne3 cxd4 19.Nxd4 1-0 (32) Lai,D (2072)-Ho,I (1790) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Mar Early blitz 2025 (1)]

5.Bg2

[5.Nge2 Bg7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 0-0 8.Be3 d6 9.h3 Bd7 10.Bg2 Qc8 11.Rc1 Re8 12.Qd2 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Kf8 14.b3 Bc6 15.0-0+- Myers Nd7!? 16.f4!? Qd8 17.Rf2 b6 18.b4 Rb8 19.Nd5 a5 20.Rcf1 Kg8 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qd4+ Kg8 23.e5 dxe5 24.fxe5 Rf8 25.e6⩲ Myers fxe6!? 26.Nf4!? e5!? 27.Bd5+ Kh8 28.Nxg6+ hxg6!? 29.Qh4+ Kg7!? 30.Rf7+]

5...a6

6.d3 Bg7 7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 Bd7 9.h3 Rb8 10.a4 0-0

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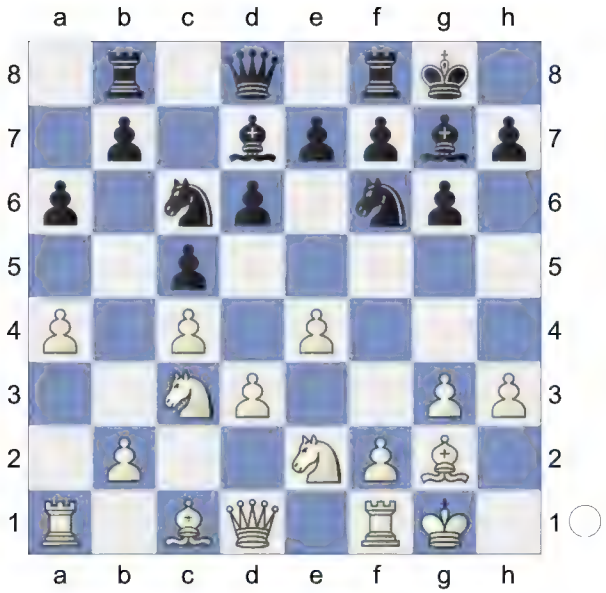

11.f4 -0.36/18

[11.Be3= 0.30/19]

11...b6 0.37/17

[11...Ne8]

[11...Ne8∓ -0.36/18]

12.g4 -0.27/19

[12.Be3± 0.37/17]

12...e6 0.17/18

[⌓12...Ne8 -0.27/19]

13.Be3 Qc7 0.67/16

[13...h5= 0.17/18]

14.g5 -0.08/19

[14.f5]

[14.f5± 0.67/16]

14...Ne8 0.37/19

[14...Nh5= -0.08/19]

15.h4± Nd4 0.52/16

[15...Bd4= 0.16/17 was preferable. 16.Bf2 Bxf2+ 17.Rxf2 Ng7]

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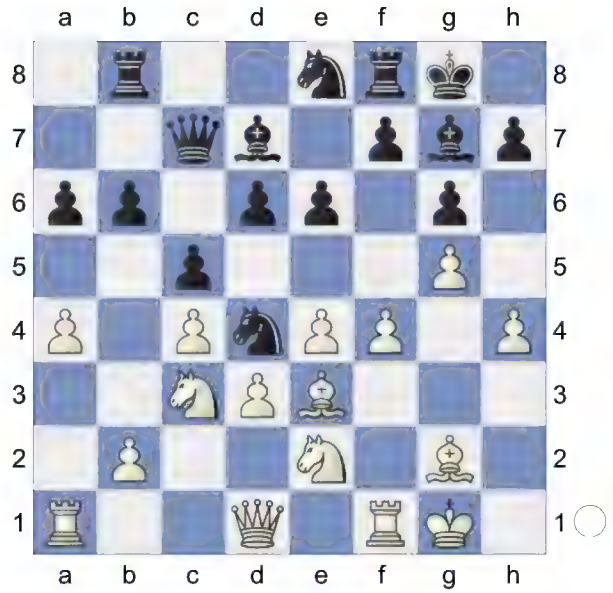

16.h5! gxh5
[16...b5 17.h6]
17.f5! exf5 2.20/22
[17...Be5± 0.58/18]
18.Nf4! 0.71/16
[18.Nxd4+- 2.20/22 cxd4 19.Nd5]
18...fxe4 1.30/19
[Black should play 18...Qd8 0.71/16]
19.Nfd5
[19.Ncd5]
[19.Nxh5 Nf5 20.Bf4 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 e3∓]
[19.Qxh5?! Bf5±]
19...Qd8 20.Qxh5 f5

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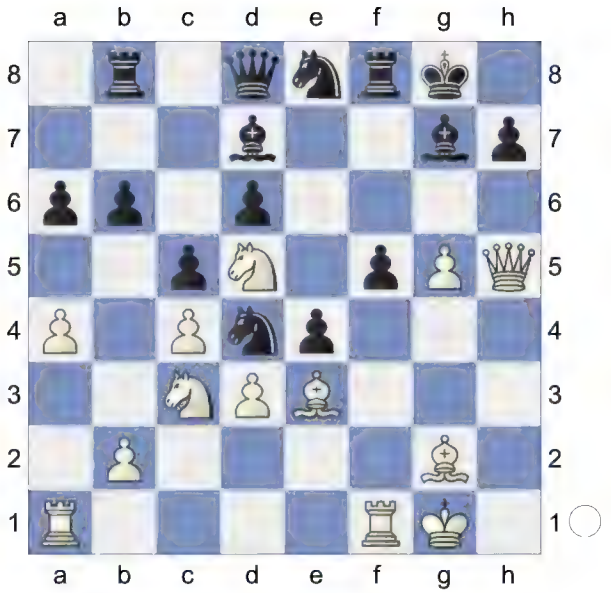
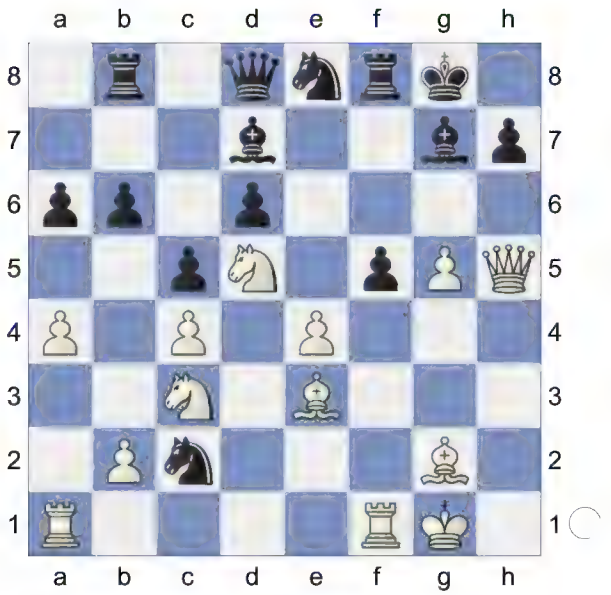


21.gxf6! White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[21.dxe4 0.39/18 21.gxf6 1.36
A) 21...Nc2



22.exf5 0.21/20 *(22.Rf4!± 0.99/19)*
A1) 22...Nxe3 1.35/20
22...Rxf5 0.09 23.f6 Bg4? 3.44/19 *(23...Nf5± 1.42/18)* 24.Qh4+- Nxf1 25.Ne7+ Kh8 26.Ng6+ Kg8 Threatens to win with ...Nxf6. 27.Bd5+ Rf7 28.Rxf1;
A2) 22...Rxf5= 0.21/20

and Black has nothing to worry. 23.Rxf5 Bxf5;

A3) 22...Nxa1? 5.71/20 23.f6+- Bxf6 *(23...Rxf6 24.gxf6!? Nxf6 25.Nxf6+ Bxf6 26.Nd5)* 24.Be4 Rf7 25.Rxf6;

B) 21...Nc7]

21...Nxf6

[21...Bxf6? 4.48/18 21...Nxf6 0.87 22.Bxe4 Rf7 23.Kh1 And now Rg1+ would win. Be6 24.Rg1+ Kh8□ 25.Nf4]

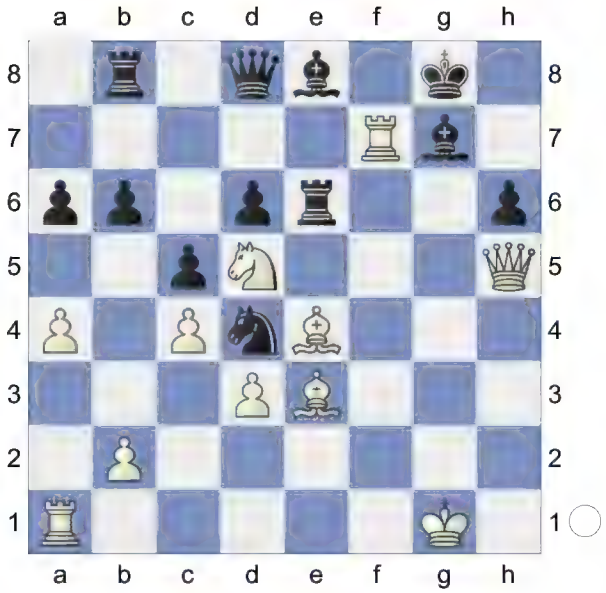
[21...Rxf6 22.Bxe4 h6 23.Bg6 Be6 24.Bxh6 Nf3+ 25.Rxf3! Rxf3 26.Qxf3 Bxh6 27.Bxe8 Qg5+ 28.Qg2 Qxg2+ 29.Kxg2]

22.Nxf6+→ White wants a kill. **22...Rxf6**

23.Bxe4 h6 3.79/20

[23...Rg6+ 2.01/18 was necessary. 24.Bxg6 hxg6 25.Qxg6 Qe8]

24.Nd5+- Re6 25.Rf7 Be8



26.Rxg7+ Kxg7 27.Qg4+ Rg6?!

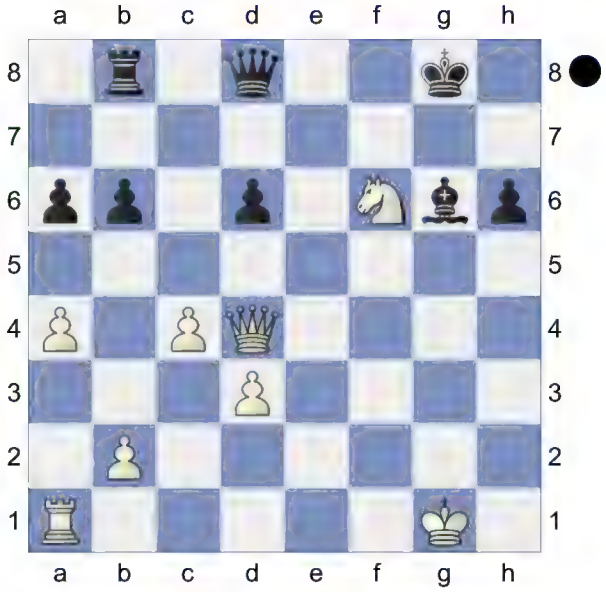
28.Bxg6 White is clearly winning.

28...Bxg6 29.Bxd4+ cxd4 30.Qxd4+ Kg8

(Diagram)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.63

31.Nf6+



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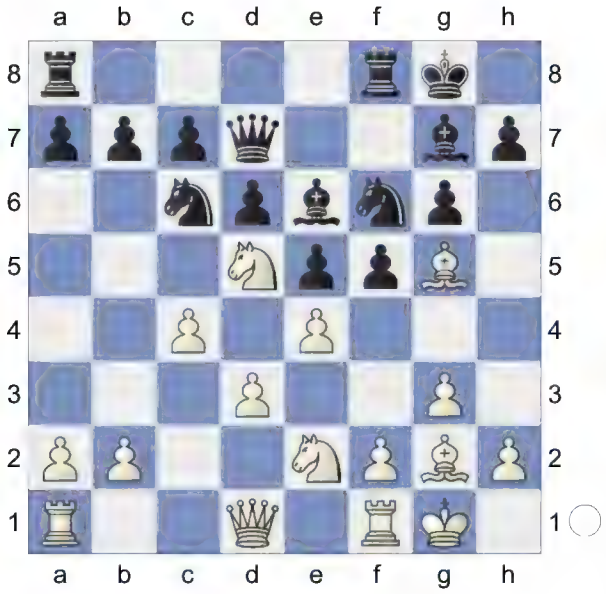
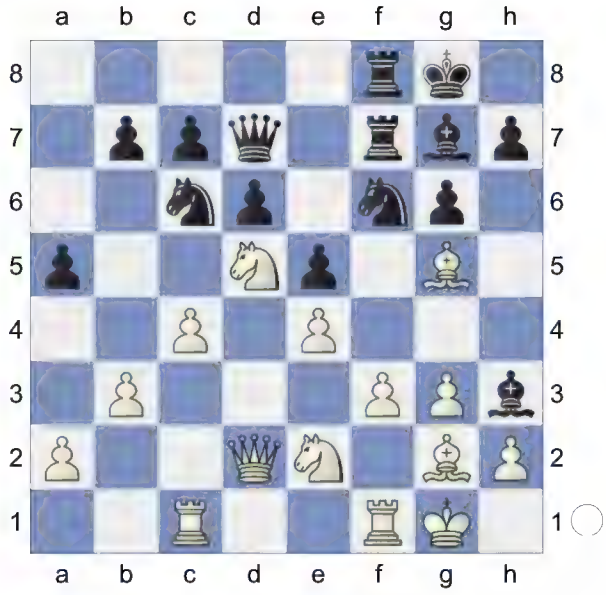
85 **A26**
□ **Sawatzki,Joerg** **2482**
■ **Rodriguez,Paula Andrea** **2374**
corr W-12Cup sf 05 01.03.2003
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
Psakhis,L: 'Inf 80/14' **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6**

6.e4 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd5 Be6 10.Bg5 Qd7



11.Qd2 fxe4 12.dxe4 Rf7 White is slightly better. **13.f3 Raf8 14.Rac1 a5N**
[14...Ne8 15.Be3 Bh3 16.c5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 a6 18.Rcd1 Qc8 19.Qc2 Kh8 20.b4 Rg8 21.a4 dxc5 22.Bxc5 Qe6 23.Nc1 Bf8 24.Nd3 Bd6 25.Qb2 Rgf8 26.b5 axb5 27.axb5 Nb8 28.b6 Nd7 29.N3f4 1-0 (34) Shchebeniuk,M (2611)-Sernecki,F (2519) Dos Hermanas Internet rapid 2002 (2) Rxf4 30.Nxf4 Rxf4 31.Bxd6 Nxd6 32.gxf4 Nc4 33.bxc7 Qc6 34.Rxd7 Qxd7 1-0 Psakhis,L (2611)-Danielsen,H (2519) Torshavn op 3rd 2000 (2)]
15.b3 Bh3



16.Be3 b6 17.a3 Kh8 18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 Black is on the road to losing.
19...Ne7 20.Nec3 Nexd5

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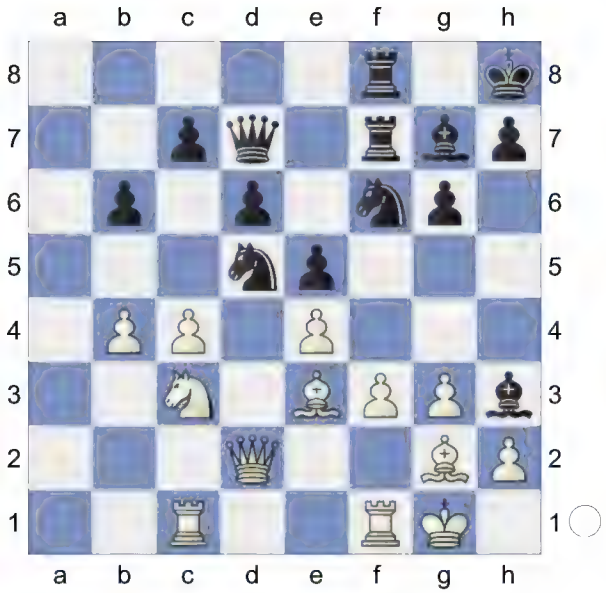
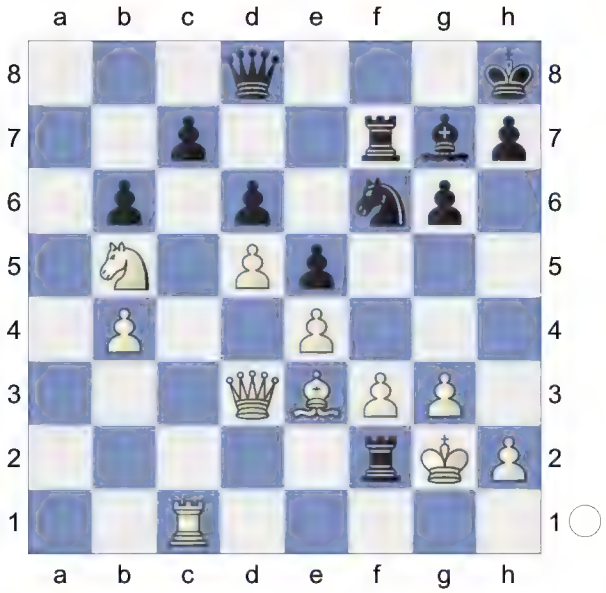


21.cxd5
[21.exd5 Kg8±]
21...Bxg2 1.45/24
[⌓21...h5 0.93/23]
22.Kxg2± Ra8 23.Qd3 Qd8 24.Nb5 Ra2+ 25.Rf2 Rxf2+



26.Bxf2

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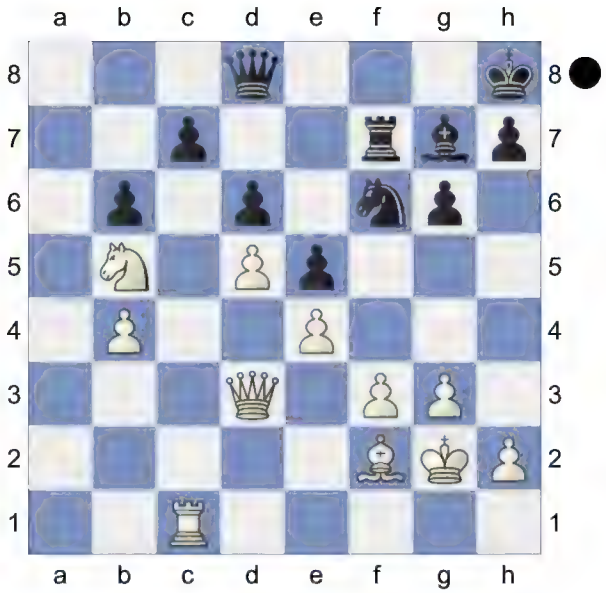
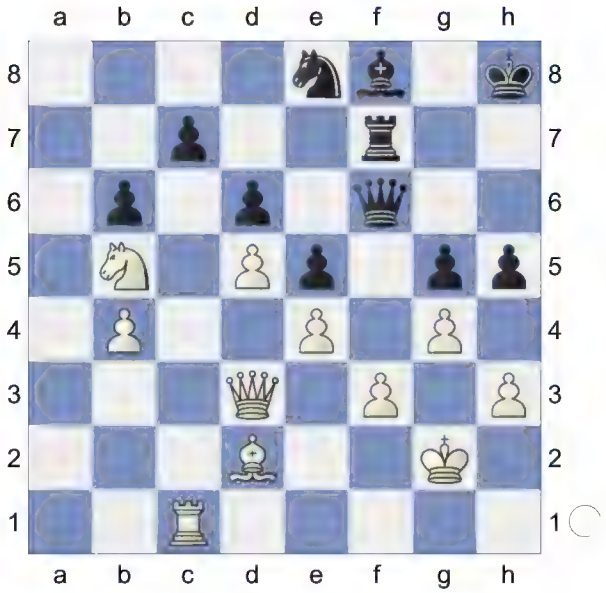


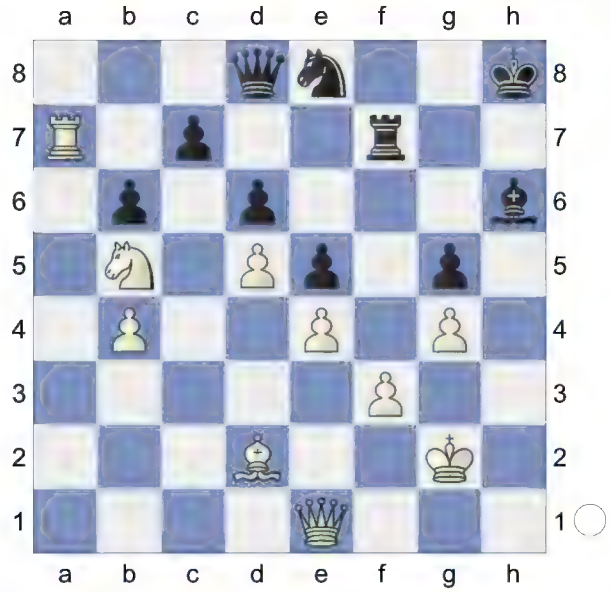
Ne8 27.Be3 Qf6 2.01/22
[27...h5± 1.45/20 28.Ra1 Kh7]
28.Bd2 Active counter play! **28...g5 29.h3 h5 30.g4 Bf8**



31.Qe3
[31.gxh5?! Qh6±]
31...Bh6 2.41/23
[31...Kh7 1.94/21 32.Ra1 *(32.Qxg5? Qxf3+ 33.Kh2 Qe2+ 34.Kg1 Rf3-+; 32.gxh5 Bh6±)* 32...Bh6]
32.Ra1
[32.gxh5?! Kh7±]
32...Qd8 33.Ra7

[33.gxh5 Ng7=]

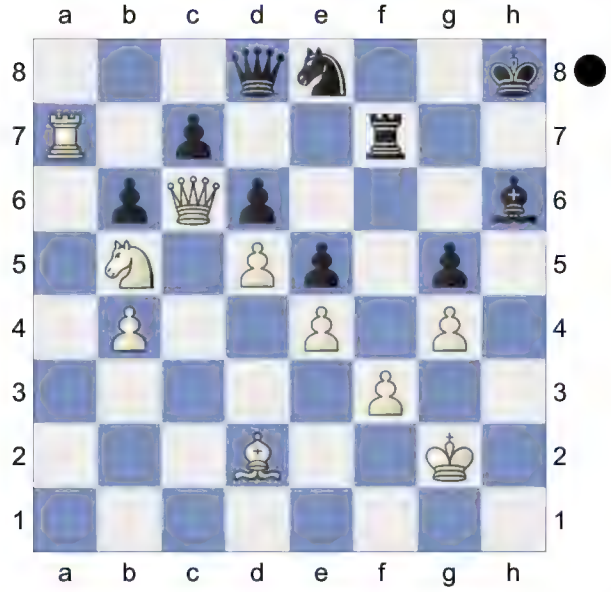
33...hxg4 34.hxg4 Nf6 35.Qe1 Ne8



36.Qc1 Qf6 37.Qc3 Black is weak on the light squares

[37.Nxc7 Qxf3+ 38.Kh2 Qf2+ *(38...Qxe4? 39.Qe1-+)* 39.Kh1 Rh7 *(39...Rf3 40.Ra3 Qh4+ 41.Kg1 Qxg4+ 42.Kh1 Rf2 43.Rg3 Qh5+ 44.Rh3 Qxh3+ 45.Kg1 Qh2#)* 40.Qg1 Bg7+]

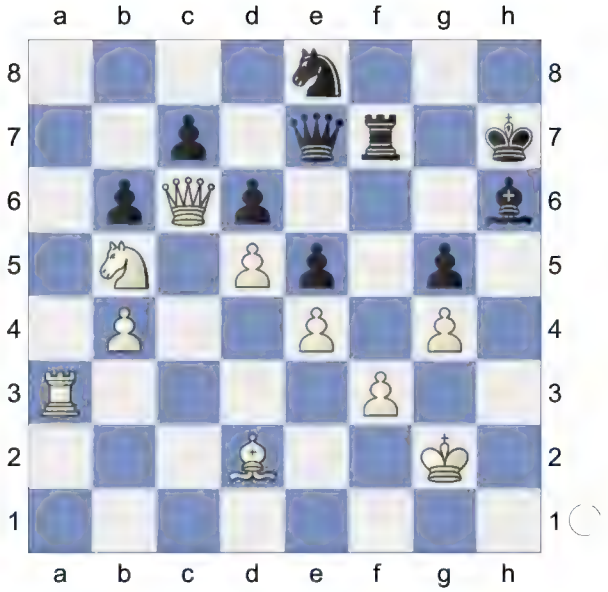
37...Qd8 Inhibits Ra8. **38.Qc6**



Strongly threatening Ra8. **38...Kh7 39.Ra8 Qf6 40.Ra3**

[40.Rxe8? Qxf3+ 41.Kg1 Qg3+ 42.Kh1 Rf1#]

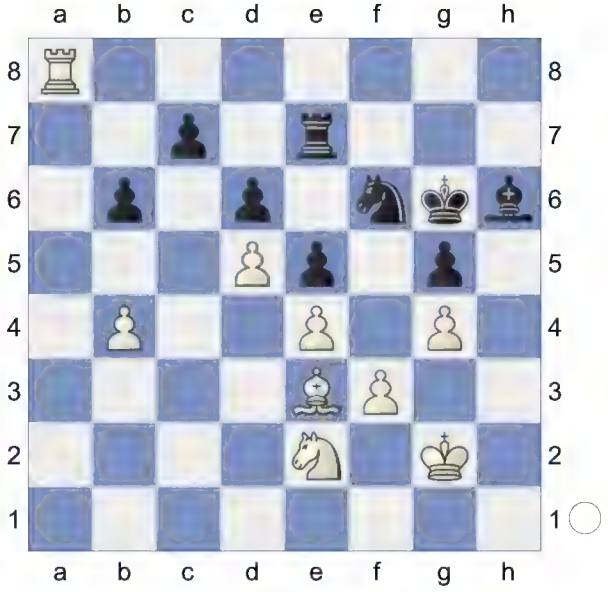
40...Qe7



41.Nc3 Qd7? 4.00/25

[41...Kg6 2.46/22 42.Nd1 Ng7]

42.Qxd7 Rxd7 43.Ra8 Re7 44.Ne2 Nf6 45.Be3 Kg6



46.Ng3 1.60/23

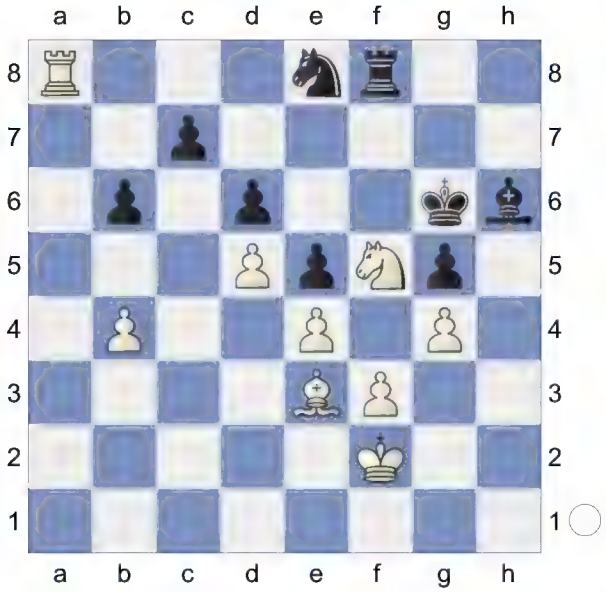
[46.Rc8+- 3.54/24 is more deadly.]

46...Rf7? 4.31/23

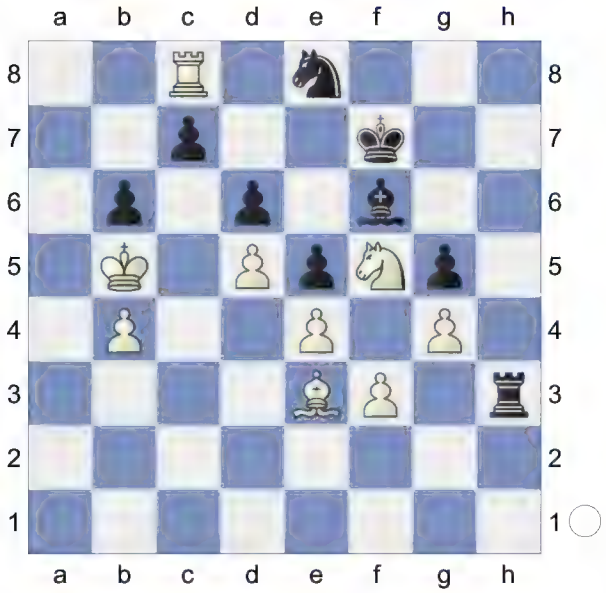
[46...Re8± 1.60/23 was called for. 47.Ra1 Bf8]

47.Nf5 Rf8 48.Ra7 Ne8 49.Kf2 Rh8

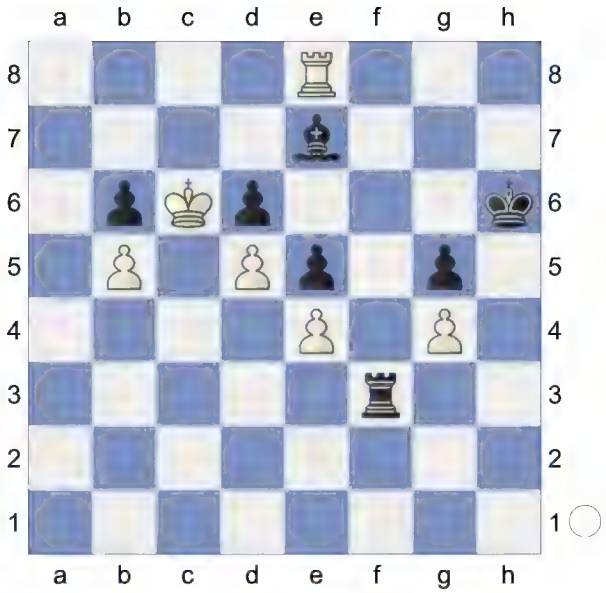
50.Ra8 Rf8



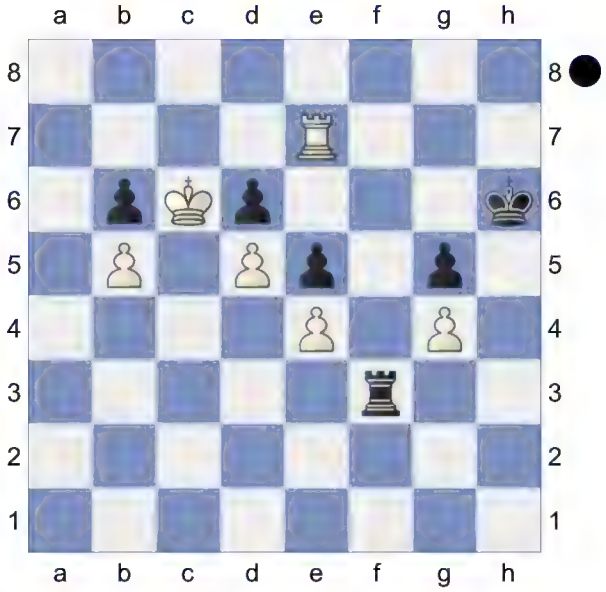
51.Rc8 Rh8 52.Ke2 Bg7 53.Kd3 Bf6
5.73/23
[⌓53...b5 3.96/20 54.Bxg5 Bf6]
54.Kc4+- White is clearly winning.
54...Kf7 55.Kb5 Rh3



56.Kc6 Rxf3 57.b5
[57.Kd7 Ng7±]
57...Be7 58.Nh6+
[Weaker is 58.Kd7 Nf6+ 59.Kxc7 Nxe4±]
58...Kg6 59.Rxe8 Kxh6 60.Bxb6 cxb6
(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.30
61.Rxe7



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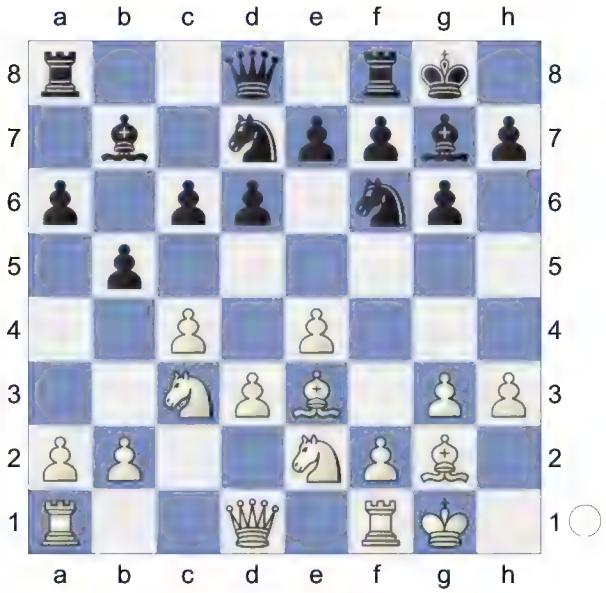
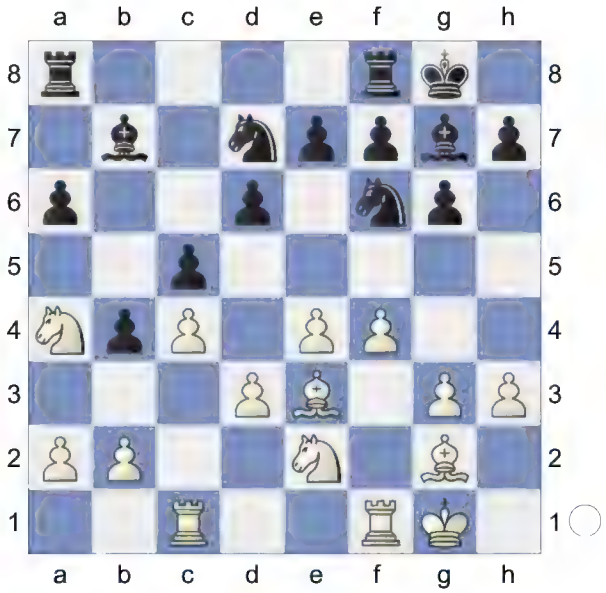
86 **A16**
□ **Brooks,Ian S** **2478**
■ **Craig,Tom James** **2388**
corr Martinez Acosta mem A 1997
[Kitty Kat]

A16: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...d5
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d3 d6

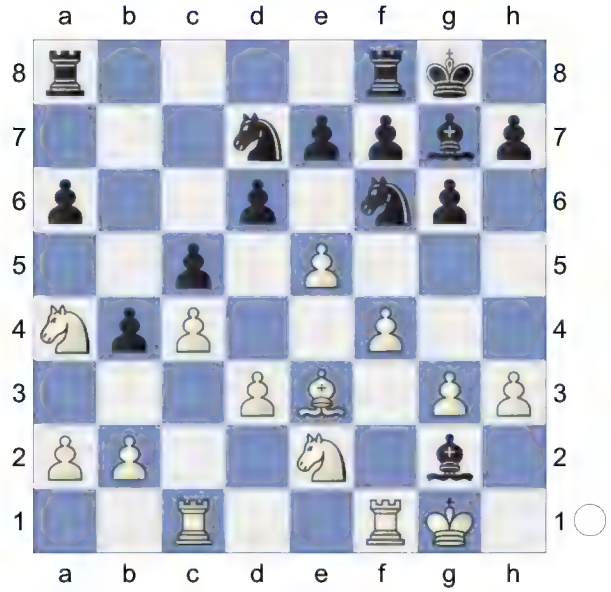
6.e4 c6N
[6...c5 7.Nge2 *(7.h4 h5 8.Bg5 Nc6 9.Qd2 Rb8 10.Nge2 a6 11.a4 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Ne2 e5 14.f4 Qb6 15.a5 Qc7 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.0-0 Bg4 18.Bf3 b6 19.Bxg4 hxg4 20.b4 b5 21.Rac1 bxc4* 0-1 (31) Krzyzanowski, M (2539)-Zochowski,K (2262) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late blitz 2023 (3) *)* 7...e5 8.0-0 Na6 9.a3 Bd7 10.Rb1 Nc7 11.b4 b6 12.f4 Nfe8 13.f5 g5 14.Be3 h6 15.Qd2 Nf6 16.h4 Ng4 17.Bxg5 hxg5 18.hxg5 Nf6 19.gxf6 Qxf6 20.Rf3 Bh6 21.Qe1 1-0 (103) G5,A (1776)-Guven, O (1395) 38/450 Bor 1984 (9) Bg5 22.Kf2 Kg7 23.Ng1 Qh6 24.Ke2 Rh8 25.Nh3 Bf6 26.Nd1 Rag8 27.Ne3 Kf8 28.Qf2 Ne8 29.Rh1 Qg7 30.Nd5 Bc8 31.Qe1 Bb7 32.Ne3 Be7 33.Qd1 Nf6 34.Qa4 a6 35.bxc5 dxc5 36.Rb1 1-0 (103) Kalina,L (1776)-Gossing,M (1395) GER-ch U18 Girls 2023 (9)]
7.Nge2 a6 8.0-0 b5 9.h3 Nbd7
White has an edge. **10.Be3 Bb7**



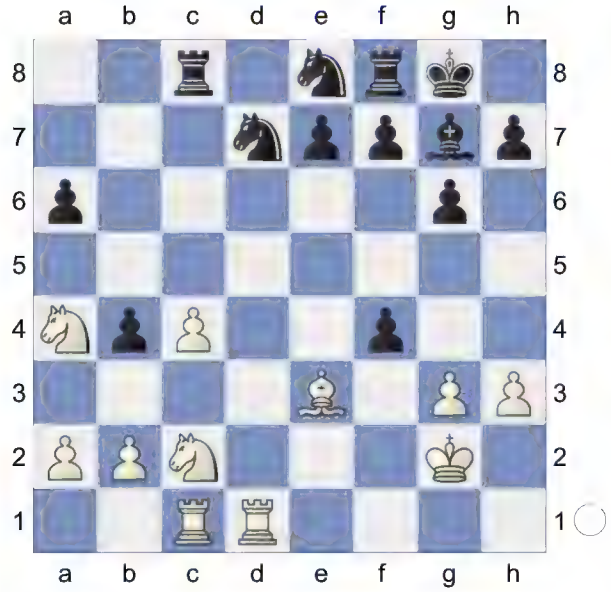
11.Rc1 0.10/19
[11.Qd2± 0.53/20]
11...Qa5 0.72/20
[11...Nb6= 0.10/19]
12.f4 b4 13.Qa4 Qxa4 14.Nxa4 c5



15.e5! Discovered Attack **15...Bxg2**

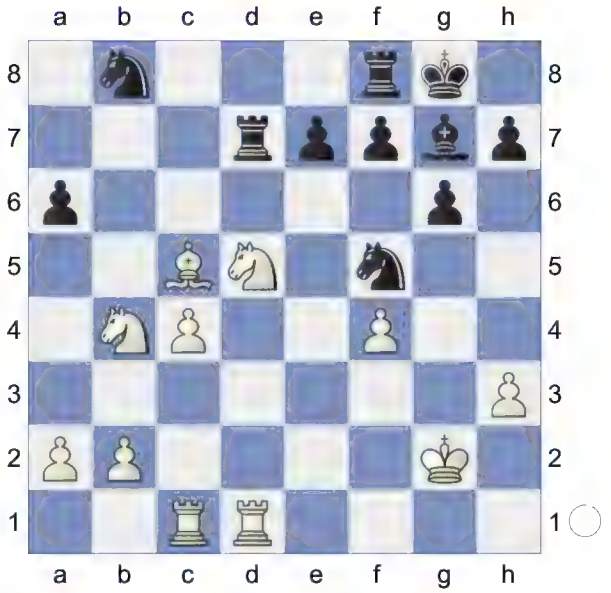


16.Kxg2 Ne8 1.00/22
[16...dxe5± 0.51/24 17.fxe5 Nxe5]
17.d4± cxd4 Remove Defender
18.Nxd4 Rc8 Prevents Nc6 **19.Rfd1 dxe5 20.Nc2** 0.80/21
[⌓20.Nb3 1.21/20 exf4 21.gxf4]
20...exf4

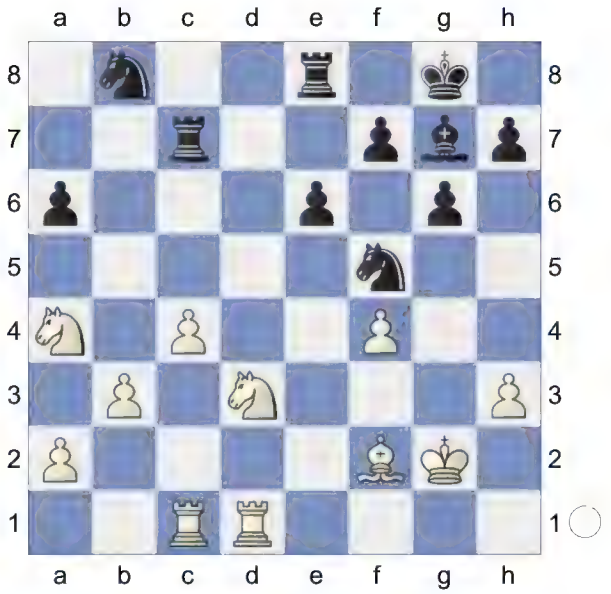


21.gxf4 Nb8
[21...Nd6? 22.c5± Nxc5 *(22...b3? 23.axb3 Bxb2 24.Nxb2+-)* 23.Bxc5±]
22.Nxb4 Nd6 23.Nb6 Rcd8 24.N6d5 0.34/20 White is much more active.

White has more active pieces.
[24.N4d5!± 1.01/22 Nc6 25.Bc5 Bxb2 26.Rb1 *(26.Rc2)*]
24...Nf5± aiming for ...e6!. Strongly threatening ...e6!. **25.Bc5 Rd7**

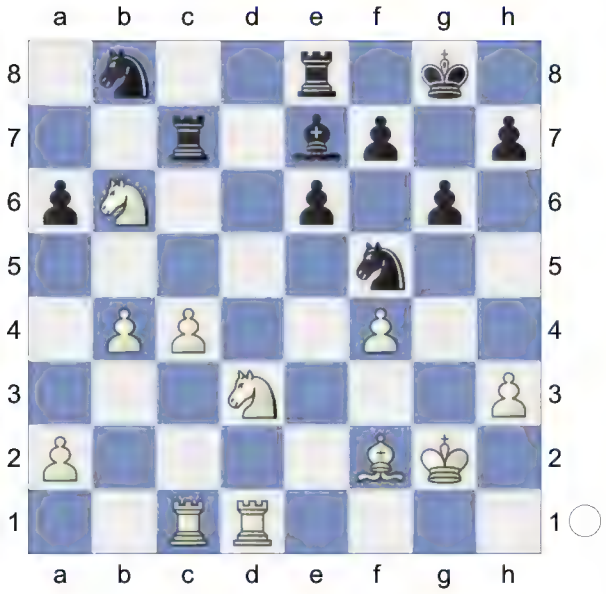


26.b3 Rb7 27.Nd3 Rc8 28.Bf2 and Nc5 would now be decisive **28...e6** 0.65/20
[28...Bd4!= 0.26/18]
29.Nb6± Re8 30.Na4 Rc7

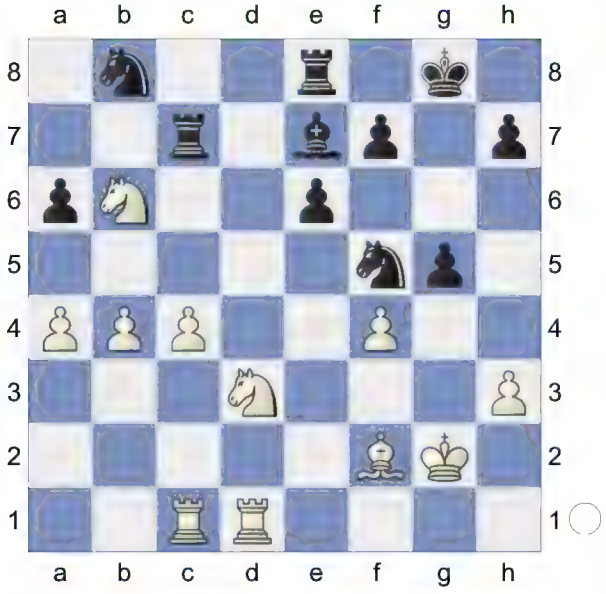


31.b4! Bf8 1.55/19
[Black should play Black should try 31...Bd4 0.94/18]

32.Nb6 1.15/18
[Better is 32.b5 1.55/19]
32...Be7 1.78/18
[32...g5± 1.15/18]



33.a4 1.01/18
[White should try 33.b5!+- 1.78/18]
33...g5 1.99/18
[33...Nc6± 1.01/18 might work better. is a better defense.]



34.b5!+- gxf4 35.Nxf4 Bg5
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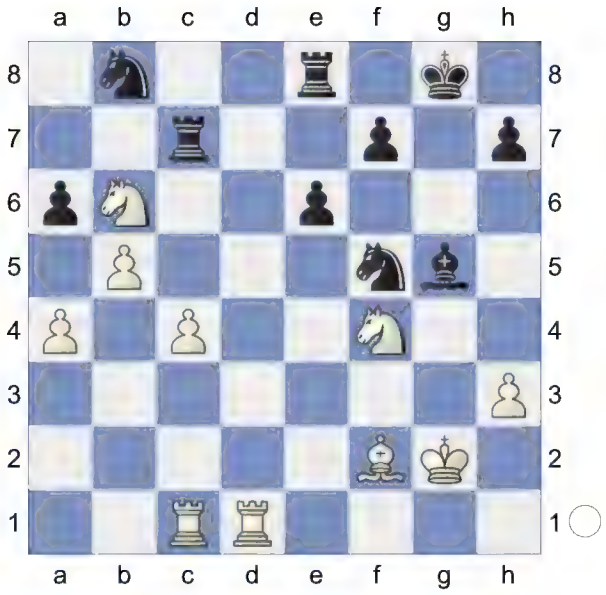
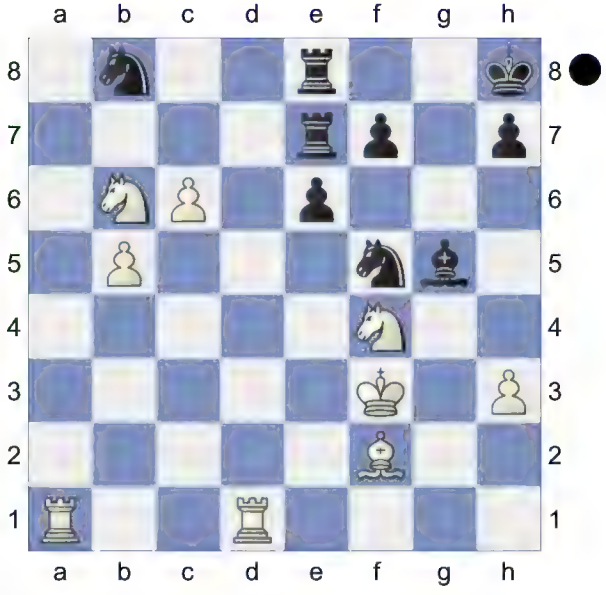


36.Kf3 and Rg1 should not be overlooked **36...Kh8 37.c5 axb5 38.axb5 Ra7 39.Ra1** Prevents Ra3+. Against Ra3+ **39...Rae7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.21 (precise)
40.c6



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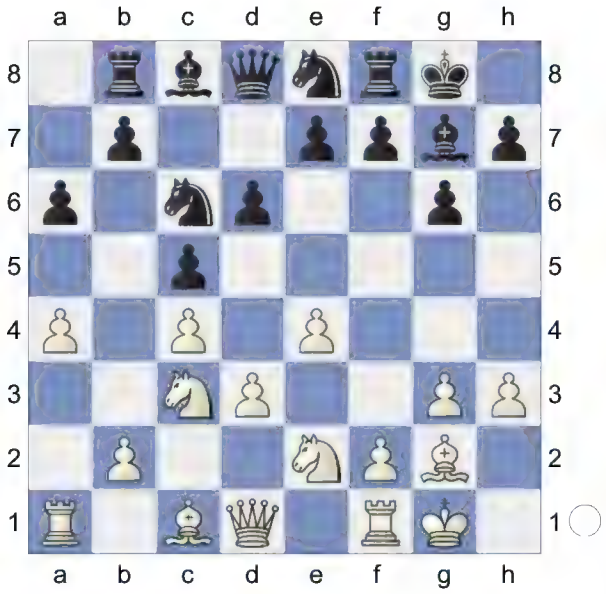
87 **A36**
□ **Brooks,Ian S** **2477**
■ **Buraschi,Osvaldo** **2571**
corr Reg Gillman Memorial 'A' 01.12.1999
[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d3 d6

6.e4 c5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.0-0 Rb8 9.h3 a6 10.a4 Ne8



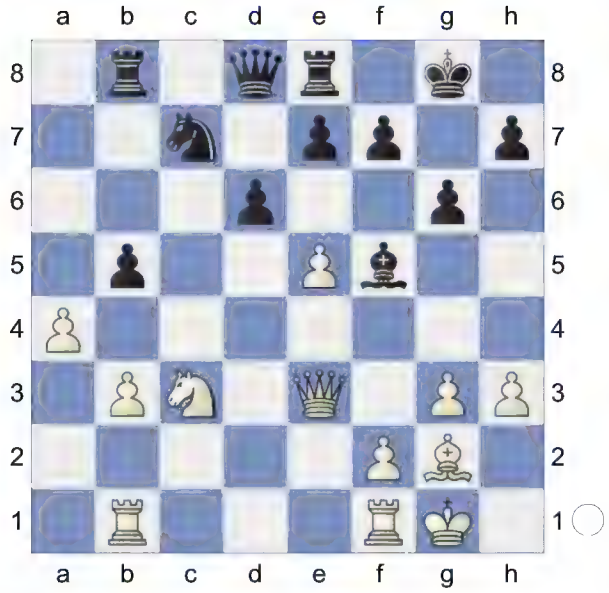
11.Be3! Nc7 12.d4 b6
[12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 Ne6 14.Nde2 Na5 *(14...Nc5 15.Rb1 Be6 16.b4 Nd7 17.Nd5 a5 18.b5 Nce5 19.Bd4 Rc8 20.Rc1 Bh6 21.Nef4 Nxc4 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Nf4 Bxf4 24.gxf4 e5 25.fxe5 dxe5 26.Qb3 Qc7 27.Ba1 e6 28.Rc2 Ndb6 29.Qg3* ½-½ (34) Panic,N (2233)-Bregadze,L (2441) Match/City Berlin-Prag&Brno 10-10;9-11 1923 (2)*)* 15.b3 Bd7 16.f4 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.f5 Nc5 19.Rxa5 Qxa5 20.b4 Qxb4 21.Nd5 Qa3 22.Nxe7+ Kh8 23.Bd4 gxf5 24.exf5 Bxd4+ 25.Qxd4+ f6 26.Nf4 Rf7 27.Qxd6 0-1 (53) Khismatullin,D (2583)-Inarkiev,E (2618) RUS-ch sf 58th 2005 (2)]

13.Rb1 Bd7N
[13...cxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 b5 17.b4 bxa4 18.Nxa4 e5 19.Qd3 Ne6 20.Rfd1 Nd4 21.Nc3 Be6 22.Ne2 Nxe2+ 23.Qxe2 Qc7 24.Bf1 Chapter-Game Chapter 1960]

14.b3 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4

16.Bxd4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 b5 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Qe3 Re8 0.79/21

[19...e5= 0.27/23]
20.e5± Bf5 1.33/21
[20...d5 0.83/21]



21.Rbd1 0.78/21
[⌓21.Ra1 1.33/21]
21...bxa4 22.bxa4 Rb3 1.16/22
[⌓22...h5 0.76/20]
23.Qd2 0.66/20
[23.g4± 1.16/22 Bd7 24.exd6 exd6 25.Qg3]
23...h5 24.Ne4
[24.exd6 Qxd6 25.Qxd6 exd6]
24...d5 25.Qh6 -0.03/23
[25.Nc5± 0.63/21 Rb6 26.Rc1 *(26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Qxd5 Qxd5∓)*]
25...Bxe4 0.67/23
[25...Ne6= -0.03/23]

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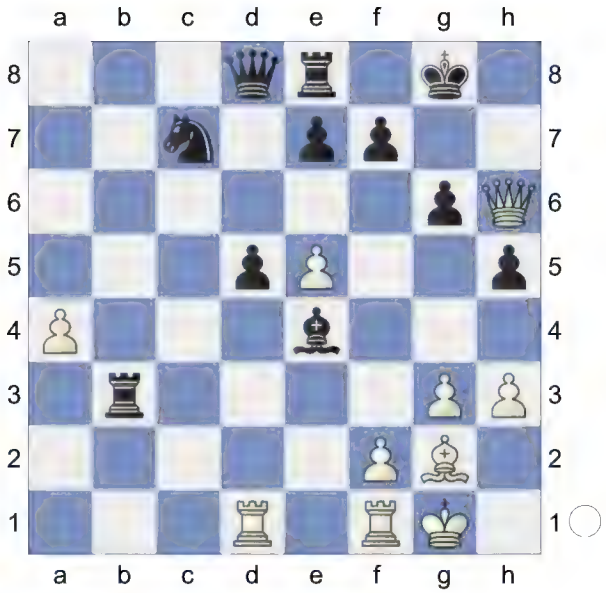
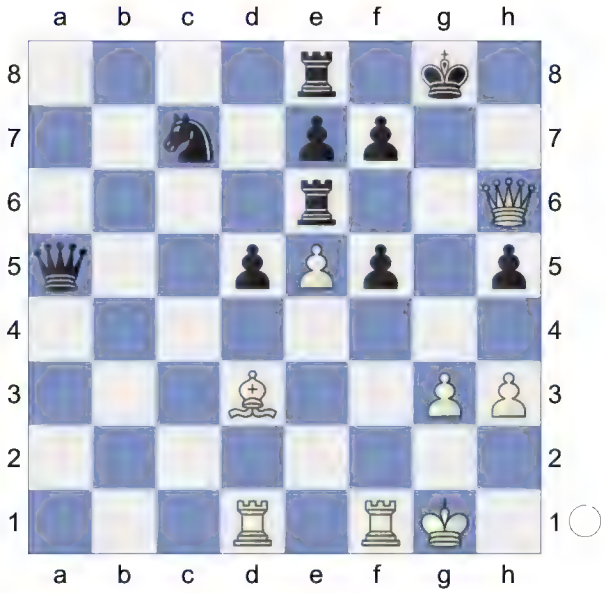


26.Bxe4± Pin **26...Rb6** 1.39/17
[Black should play 26...dxe4± 0.50/22 27.Rxd8 Rxd8]
27.a5 Re6 28.f4 White has more active pieces. **28...Qa8 29.Bd3** Black must now prevent f5. **29...Qxa5 30.f5 gxf5**



31.Qxh5→ White wants a kill. **31...Qb6+**

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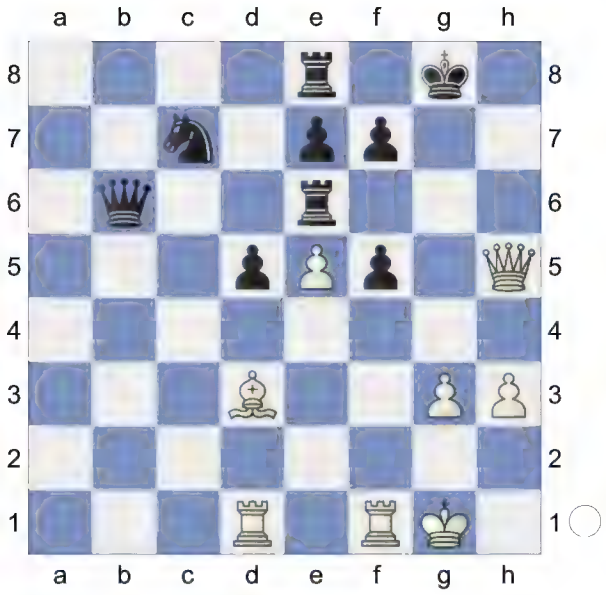
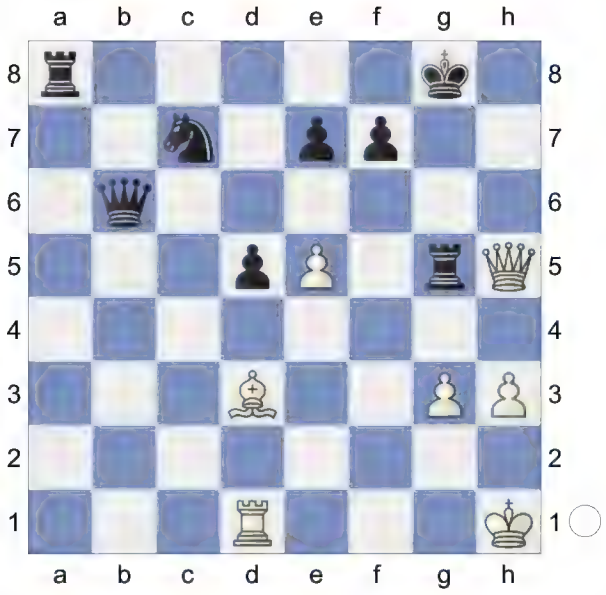
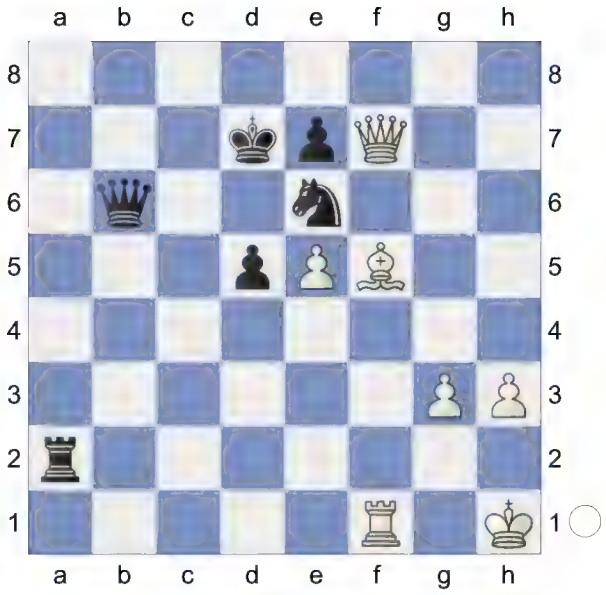


32.Kg2! Rg6 2.41/19
[32...Rh6± 1.44/24 might work better. 33.Qxf5 Qg6 34.Qxg6+ fxg6]
33.Rxf5+-
[33.Bxf5 Rg7±]
33...Ra8 34.Kh1 Rg7 35.Rg5 Rxg5

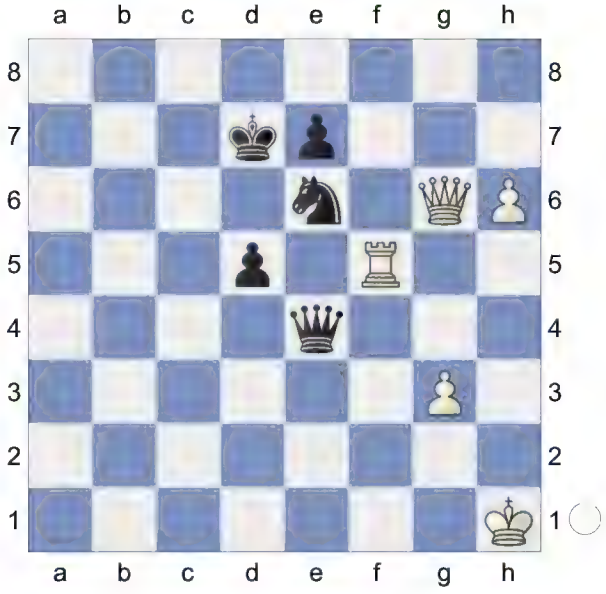


36.Qxg5+ Kf8 37.Rf1 Ke8 38.Qg8+ Kd7 39.Qxf7 Ra2 aiming for ...Qb2.
40.Bf5+ Ne6

(Diagram)

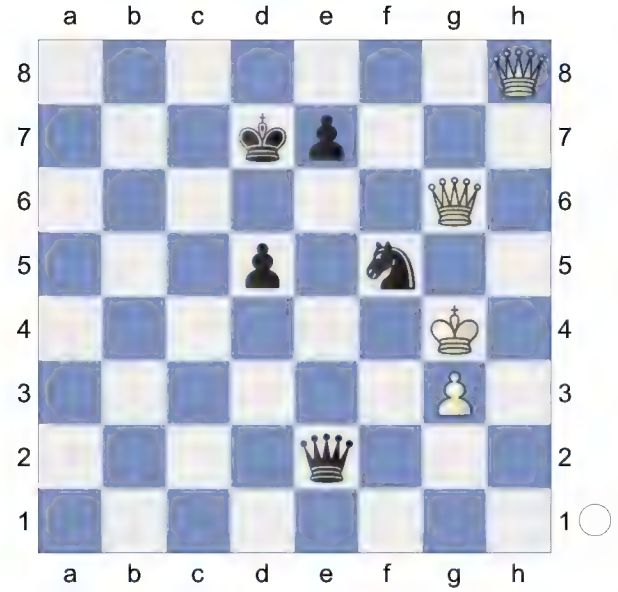


41.Qg6 1.60/19
[41.Bg4!+- 2.70/18]
41...Re2 42.h4 1.41/17
[42.Bg4+- 1.86/20 Rxe5 43.Rd1]
42...Rxe5± 43.h5 1.99/17
[43.Bg4± 1.56/16]
43...Qe3+- 44.h6 Rxf5 45.Rxf5± 0.09/27 Endgame KQR-KQN
[White has to play 45.Qxf5± 1.41/23 Qxh6+ 46.Kg2]
45...Qe4+=



The position is equal. **46.Kh2 Nd4 47.h7 Nxf5 48.h8Q** Some like it hot

48...Qe2+ 49.Kh3 Qf1+ 50.Kg4 Qe2+



51.Kxf5 Qc2+ 52.Kg5 Qd2+ 53.Kg4 Qe2+ 54.Kf4

[54.Kh3 Qf1+ 55.Kg4 Qd1+ 56.Kf4 Qd2+ 57.Ke5 Qb2+ 58.Kxd5 Qb5+ 59.Kd4 Qb4+ *(59...Qb2+? 60.Kc5+-)* 60.Kd3 *(60.Ke3 Qe1+ 61.Kf4 Qc1+ 62.Kg4 Qd1+ 63.Kh4 Qh1+ 64.Kg5 Qc1+ 65.Kg4 Qd1+ 66.Kf5 Qc2+ 67.Ke5 Qxg6=)* 60...Qb1+ 61.Ke2 Qxg6]

54...Qf2+ 55.Ke5

[55.Kg4 Qe2+ 56.Kf4 *(56.Kh3 Qf1+ 57.Kh2 Qf2+ 58.Kh1 Qf1+ 59.Kh2 Qf2+ 60.Kh3 Qf1+ 61.Kg4 Qd1+ 62.Kf5 Qc2+* Deflection *63.Ke5 Qxg6=)* 56...Qf2+ 57.Ke5 Qb2+ 58.Kxd5 Qb5+ 59.Kd4 Qb4+ *(59...Qb2+? 60.Kc5+-)* 60.Kd3 *(60.Ke3 Qe1+ 61.Kd4 Qb4+ 62.Ke3 Qe1+ 63.Kf4 Qd2+ 64.Kf3 Qd1+ 65.Kf2 Qd2+ 66.Kf3 Qd1+ 67.Kg2 Qe2+ 68.Kh3 Qf1+ 69.Kh4 Qh1+ 70.Kg4 Qd1+ 71.Kf4 Qf1+ 72.Ke3 Qe1+=)* 60...Qb1+ 61.Kd2 Qxg6]

55...Qb2+

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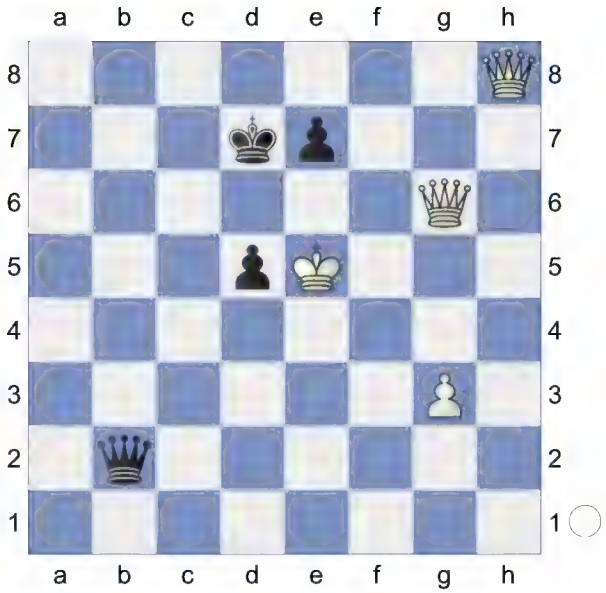
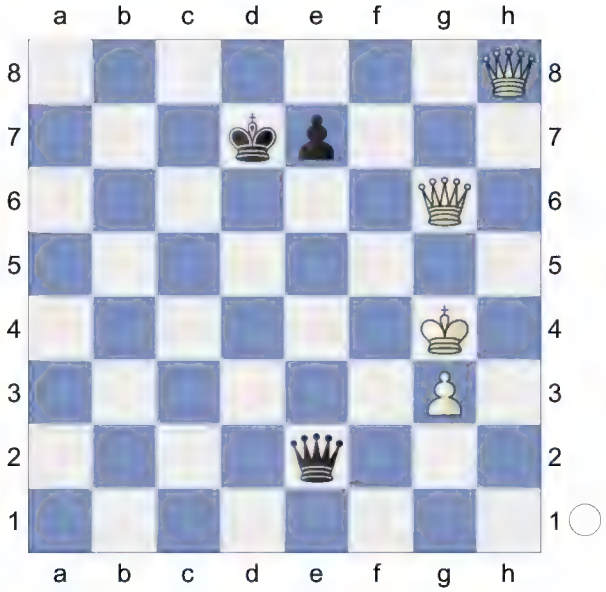


56.Kxd5 Qb5+ 57.Kd4 Qb4+!

[57...Qb2+ 58.Kc5 Qa3+ 59.Kb6 Qe3+ 60.Kb7 Qf3+ 61.Ka7 Qe3+ 62.Kb7 Qf3+ 63.Ka7 Qe3+ 64.Qb6 Qa3+ 65.Qa6 Qe3+ 66.Ka8 Qf3+ 67.Qb7+ Skewer Qxb7+ 68.Kxb7]

58.Ke3 Qe1+ 59.Kf3 Qf1+ 60.Kg4 Qe2+

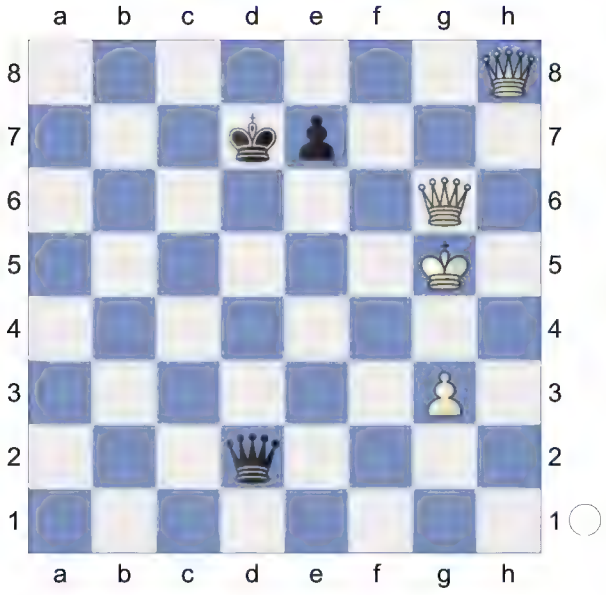


61.Kg5 Qd2+ 62.Kh5

[62.Kg4 Qd1+ 63.Kf4 Qf1+ 64.Ke3 Qe1+ 65.Kd4 Qb4+ *(65...Qa1+? 66.Kc5+-)* 66.Ke3 Qe1+]

62...Qh2+ 63.Kg5 Qhe8+ would kill

now. Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
63...Qd2+



½-½

88 **A21**
□ **Baumegger,S** **2471**
■ **Jankovic,A** **2557**
TCh-HUN 2015-16 (6.3) 20.03.2016
[TA]

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3
1.c4 d6 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 g6!? 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 Ne7!

(Diagram)

Delaying ...♘c6 allows for c6-d5 or ...c5-ideas. Move orders are tricky, and this one shouldn't be ignored!
6.e4
[6.Nf3 A logical continuation, but also a flawed one. Let's turn around the position and analyse the Closed Sicilian for Black - is that where you would want to put your knight? I'd rather put it on e2, but in this case (because of the delayed ...♘c6) this is not exactly an option that would lead to an advantage for White. Nbc6! *(6...0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.d4!±)* 7.0-0 0-0 8.Rb1 a5
A) 9.e3 h6 10.a3 Be6 11.b4 axb4 12.axb4 Qd7 13.b5 Na5 14.Bb2 f5 15.Nd2 g5 16.Qc2 f4 17.exf4 gxf4 18.Rfe1 Bh3 19.Nd5 Bxg2 20.Nxe7+ Qxe7 21.Kxg2 Qf7 22.f3 0.04/21 *(22.Ne4± 0.60/22)* 22...fxg3!= 23.hxg3 b6 24.Ra1 Rae8 25.Re4 Nb7 26.Rf1 Nc5 27.Rh4± 1-0 Damljanovic,B (2573)-Miladinovic,I (2571)/ Kragujevac SRB 2009;
B) 9.a3 Nd4
B1) 10.Ne1 -0.16/23 10.b4 0.20

c6 11.e3 Ne6 12.e4 f5 13.f4 -1.10/21 *(13.exf5∓ -0.44/20 gxf5 14.f4)* 13...exf4∓ 14.gxf4 -1.54/22 *(⌓14.Bxf4 -1.09/20 fxe4 15.dxe4)* 14...Qb6+∓ 15.c5 Bd4+ -1.05/19 *(⌓15...Qxc5+ -1.60/22 16.Kh1 d5)* 16.Kh1∓ Nxc5 17.Ne2 Qb3 18.Qxb3+ Nxb3 19.Nxd4 Nxd4 20.Be3 Nb3∓ 0-1 Bruno,F (2423)-Volkov, S (2575)/Livigno ITA 2012;

B2) 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 c6 12.b5 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Bh3 14.bxc6 bxc6 15.Re1 Qc7 16.Be3 Ra6 17.Qd2 Nf5 18.Rb3 h6 19.Reb1 Nd4 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Nd1 Bc8∓ 0-1 Bogatyrev,S (2300)-Firman,N (2519)/Lutsk UKR 2016]

[6.e3 0-0 7.Nge2 c6!? *(7...Nbc6; 7...c5 8.0-0 Nbc6 9.Qd2 Be6 10.Nd5 Qd7 11.b3±)* 8.0-0 Be6 9.b3 d5 10.Ba3 Re8 11.Rc1 Na6 12.Qd2 Qa5 13.Bxe7 Rxe7=]

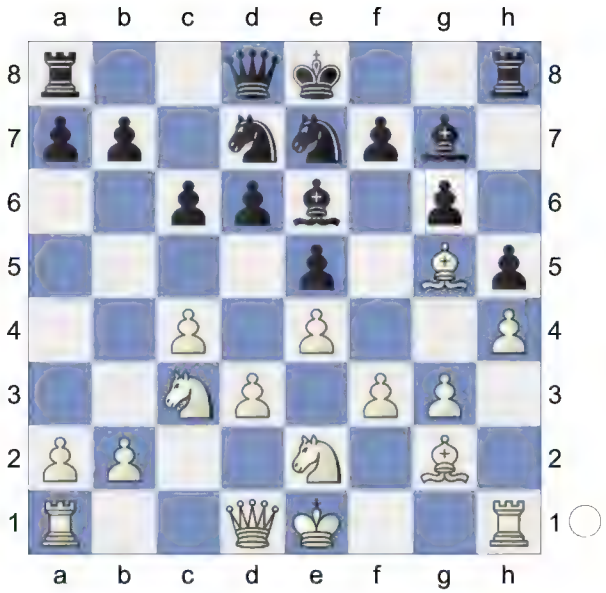
6...h5N

[6...c5!? 7.Nge2 Nbc6 8.0-0 0-0=]

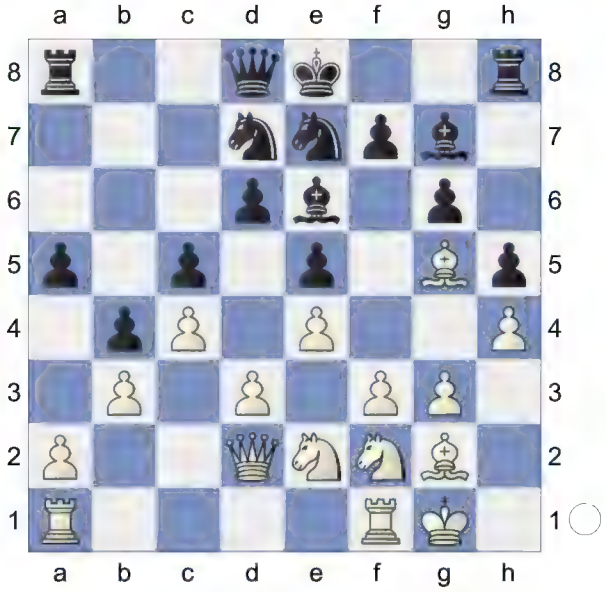
[6...0-0 7.Nge2 Nd7 8.0-0 f5 9.d4 *(9.Be3 Nf6 10.h3 Be6 11.Nd5 c6 12.Nxf6+ Rxf6 13.b3 Rf7 14.Qd2 d5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Nc3 dxc4 18.dxc4 Qxd2 19.Bxd2 e4* Gurevich,M (2648)-Milov,V (2657) Bastia (m/2-rapid) 98/(10) 2006) 9...Kh8 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 fxe4 12.d5 Nf5 13.Nxe4 a5 14.Qd2 b6 15.a4 Nc5 16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.Nc3 Kh7 18.Be4 Rf7 19.Qd3 Kh8 20.Bd2 g5 21.Nb5 ½-½ (61) Kron,V (2445)-Temirbayev,S (2475) RUS-Cup10 Tomsk 1997 (9)]

7.h4 Bg4 8.f3 Be6 The position is equal. **9.Nge2 c6 10.Bg5 Nd7**

(Diagram)



11.Qd2 a6 12.0-0 b5 13.b3 b4 14.Nd1 c5 15.Nf2 a5∓



16.a3 0-0 0.37/20

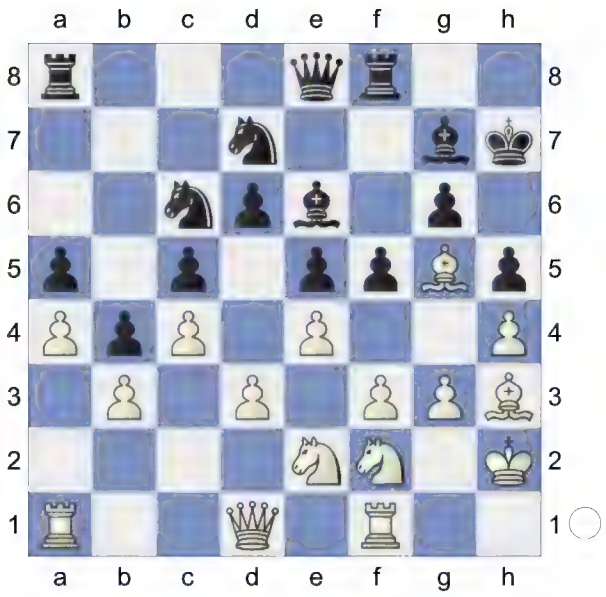
[16...Qb8= -0.08/19]

17.a4 -0.21/19

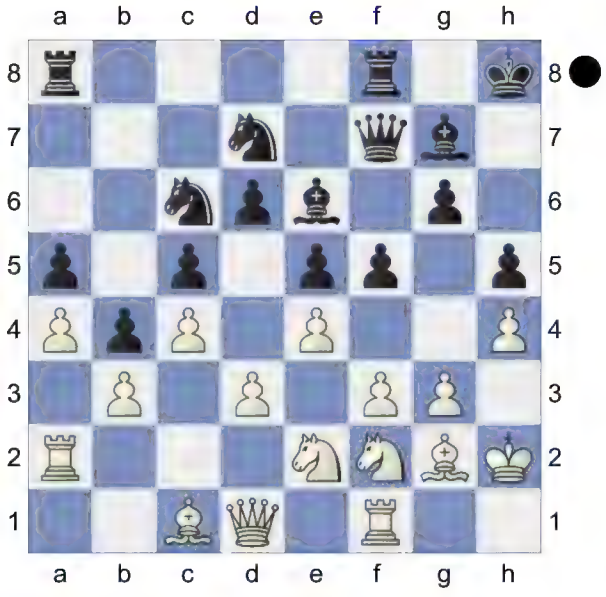
[17.axb4± 0.37/20 cxb4 18.Rab1]

17...Qe8 18.Bh3 Nc6 19.Kh2 Kh7 20.Qd1 f5

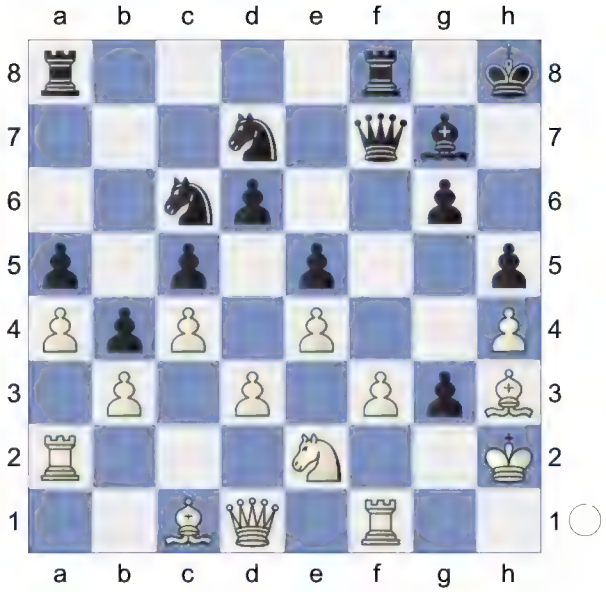
(Diagram)



21.Ra2 Qf7 -0.06/20
[21...Kh8∓ -0.54/19]
22.Bg2 -0.64/18
[22.exf5= -0.06/20 gxf5 23.f4]
22...Kh8 0.52/21
[22...f4!∓ -0.64/18]
23.Bc1 -0.60/18
[23.exf5± 0.52/21 gxf5 24.f4]

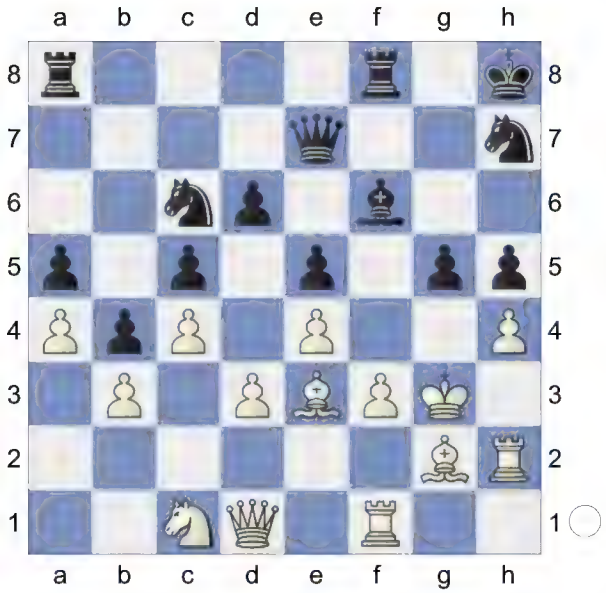


23...f4! 24.Nh3
[24.gxf4 exf4]
24...Bxh3 25.Bxh3 fxg3+ -0.13/18
[25...Qe7∓ -0.49/19 was preferable.]

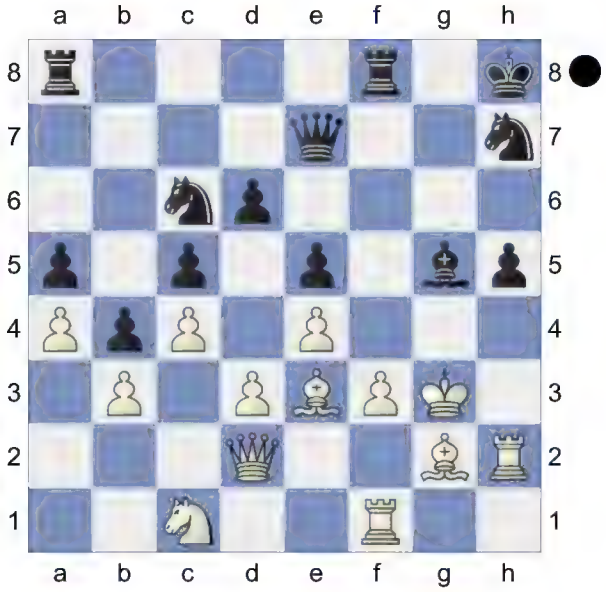


26.Kxg3 -0.84/19
[26.Nxg3= -0.13/18 Nd4 27.Be3]
26...Nf6 0.04/18
[26...Qe7!∓ -0.84/19 27.Ng1 Bf6]
27.Be3 -0.87/20
[27.f4= 0.04/18 keeps the balance.]
27...Nh7 28.Nc1 -1.59/20
[White should play 28.f4!∓ -0.55/20]
28...Bf6 -0.73/18
[⌓28...Nd4 -1.59/20 29.Rg2 Qf6]
29.Rh2 -1.86/19
[29.Rg2∓ -0.73/18]
29...Qe7-+ 30.Bg2 g5 -0.65/18
[30...Rf7-+ -1.71/18 31.Ne2 Nf8]

(Diagram)

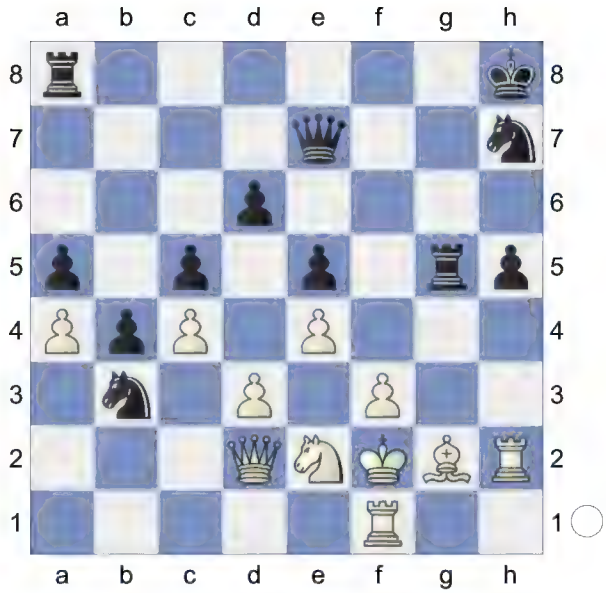


31.hxg5 -1.17/21
[31.Kf2∓ -0.65/18]
31...Bxg5∓ 32.Qd2

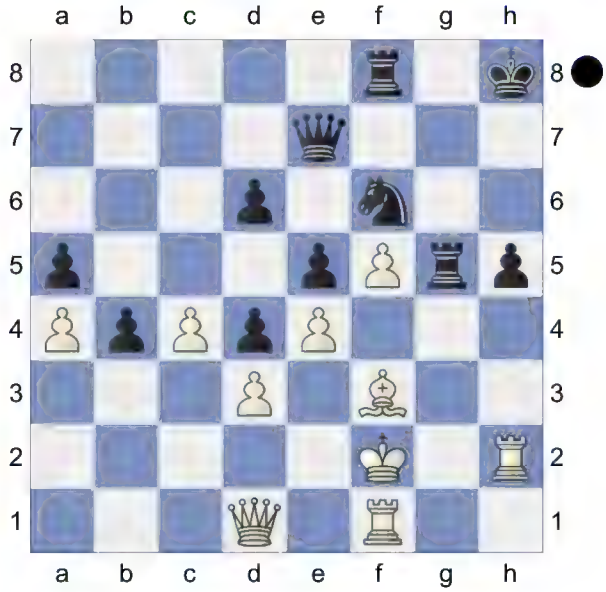


Rg8 -0.36/20
[32...Bf4+!∓ -1.45/20 33.Bxf4 Rxf4
(33...exf4+ 34.Kf2±)]
33.Kf2!∓ Nd4 34.Bxg5? -1.83/21
[34.Rfh1!= -0.25/21]
34...Rxg5-+
[34...Qxg5 35.Qxg5 Rxg5 36.Ne2∓]
35.Ne2 Nxb3

(Diagram)



Excellent horsemanship. **36.Qd1 Nd4**
37.Nxd4 cxd4 38.f4 -2.46/22
White is weak on the dark squares
[⌓38.Rfh1 -1.90/18]
38...Rf8 39.f5 Nf6 -0.66/17
[39...Rfg8-+ -1.65/25 Hoping for ...
Rxg2+!. 40.Bf3 Qg7]
40.Bf3∓



Rf7 -0.01/27
[Black should try 40...Rfg8!∓ -0.73/19]

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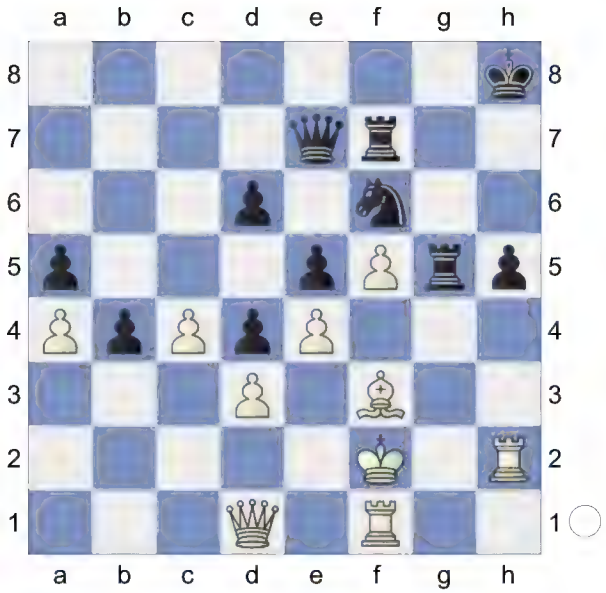
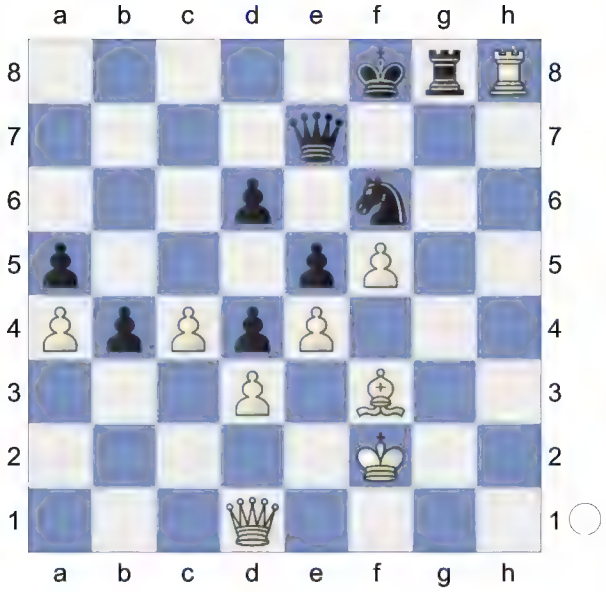
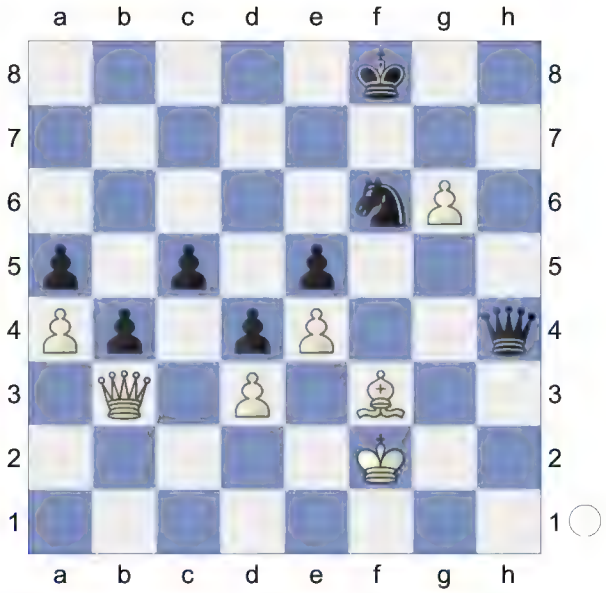


Black is more active. **41.Bxh5=** **Rh7** **42.Rfh1** **Kg8** Really sharp! **43.Bf3** **Rxh2+** **44.Rxh2** **Kf8** **45.Rh8+** -0.93/19
[45.c5= 0.00/21]
45...Rg8∓

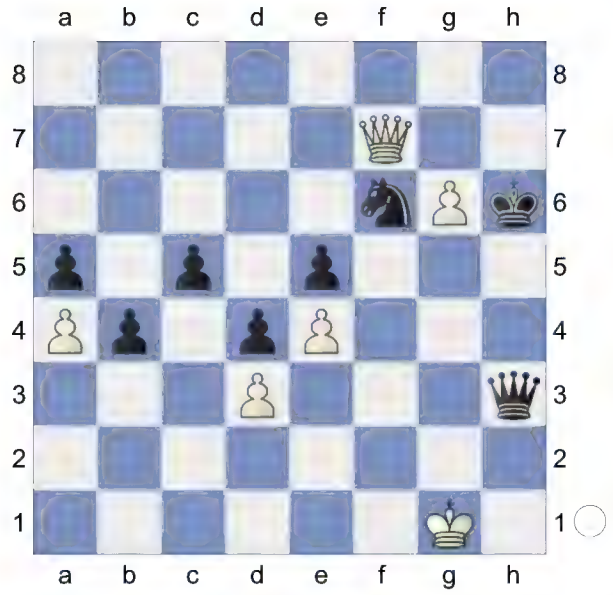


46.Rh6 -2.16/21
[46.Rxg8+!∓ -0.64/18 Kxg8 47.c5]
46...Qg7 **47.Rg6** **Qh8↑** Black is on the roll. **48.c5?** -3.93/24 **Rxg6-+**
[48...dxc5? 49.Rxg8+ Qxg8 50.Qc1-+]
49.fxg6 **dxc5** Endgame KQB-KQN. Black is a pawn up. **50.Qb3** **Qh4+?** -1.22/21
[50...Qh2+ 51.Kf1 Qh3+ 52.Kf2∓]
[50...Qg8-+ -4.20/22 has better winning chances. 51.Qc2 c4 *(51...Qxg6 52.Qxc5+ Kg7 53.Qc7+ Kh6 54.Qxe5=)* 52.g7+ Kxg7 53.dxc4 Qh7]



51.Kf1 -2.16/23
[51.Ke2∓ -1.22/21 Qh2+ 52.Kf1 Qh3+ 53.Kf2]
51...Qh3+ **52.Bg2** -3.30/20
[52.Kf2 -1.96/21 was called for. Qd7 *(52...Qh2+? 53.Kf1-+)* 53.Qc4]
52...Qd7 **53.Kg1** **Kg7** **54.Bh3?** -8.51/18
[54.Qc4 -3.38/17]
54...Qxh3 Black is clearly winning.
55.Qf7+ **Kh6**

(Diagram)



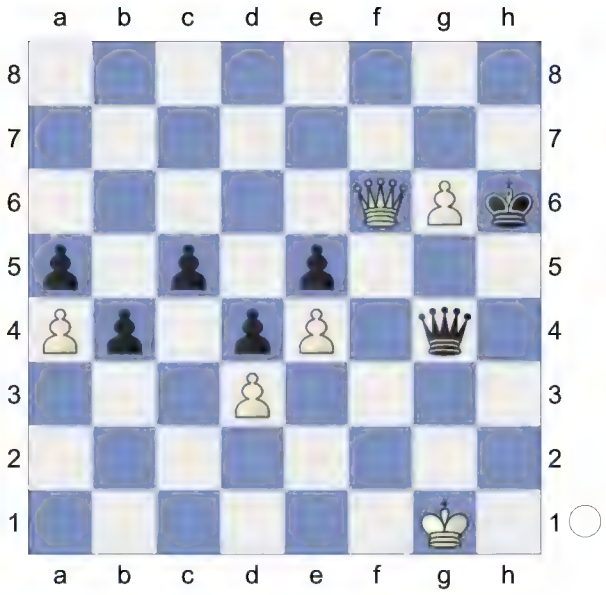
56.Qxf6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.37

56...Qg4+

[Stronger than 56...Qxd3 57.g7+ Kh7 58.g8B+ Decoy Kxg8 59.Qg6+ Kf8 *(59...Kh8 60.Qh6+ Kg8 61.Qg6+ Kf8 62.Qf6+ Kg8 63.Qg6+=)* 60.Qf6+ Ke8 61.Qe6+ Kf8 *(61...Kd8 62.Qf6+ Kd7 63.Qf7+ Kd6 64.Qf6+ Kd7 65.Qf7+ Kd6 66.Qg6+ Kc7 67.Qf7+ Kc6 68.Qe8+ Kc7 69.Qf7+ Kd8 70.Qg8+ Kc7 71.Qf7+=)* 62.Qf6+ Kg8 63.Qg6+ Kh8 64.Qh6+ Kg8 65.Qg6+=]

(Diagram)



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89 **A36**

□ **Barcenilla,R** **2455**

■ **Margvelashvili,G** **2524**

US Chess League 2015 (10) 27.10.2015

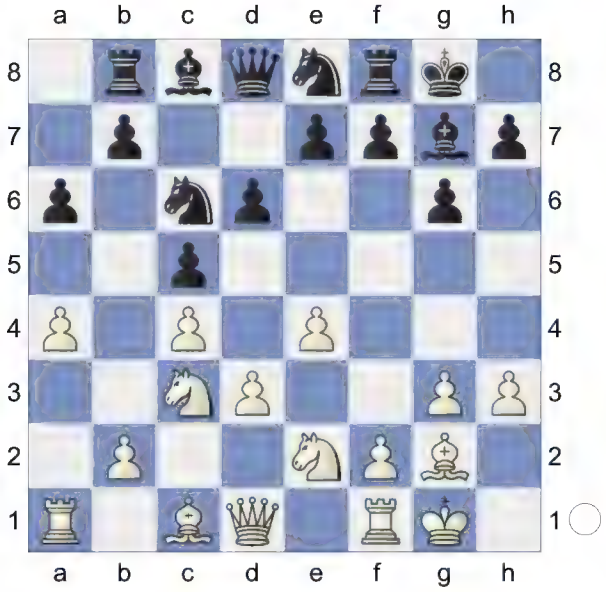
[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7

1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6

(Diagram)

6.d3 Nf6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 Rb8 9.h3 a6 10.a4 Ne8



11.Be3 Nc7 12.d4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Ne6 14.Nde2 Nc5 15.Rb1 a5

[15...Be6 16.b4 Nd7 17.Nd5 a5 18.b5 Nce5 19.Bd4 Rc8 20.Rc1 Bh6 21.Nef4 Nxc4 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Nf4 Bxf4 24.gxf4 e5 25.fxe5 dxe5 26.Qb3 Qc7 27.Ba1 e6 28.Rc2 Ndb6 29.Qg3 Qd6 30.Rfc1 ½-½ (34) Panic,N (2233)-Bregadze,L (2441) Match/City Berlin-Prag&Brno 10-10;9-11 1923 (2)]

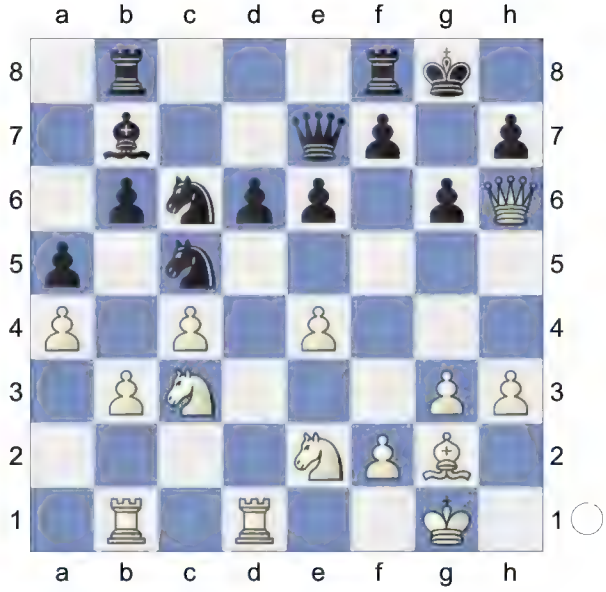
16.b3 White is better. **16...b6 17.Qd2** 0.45/20

[17.Rb2± 0.86/18]

17...Bb7N

[17...Bd7 18.Bh6 Bxh6 19.Qxh6 f6 20.Qe3 Theory 1C: 2... g6 & 3... Bg7-Theory,C]

18.Bh6 Bxh6 19.Qxh6 e6 20.Rfd1 Qe7

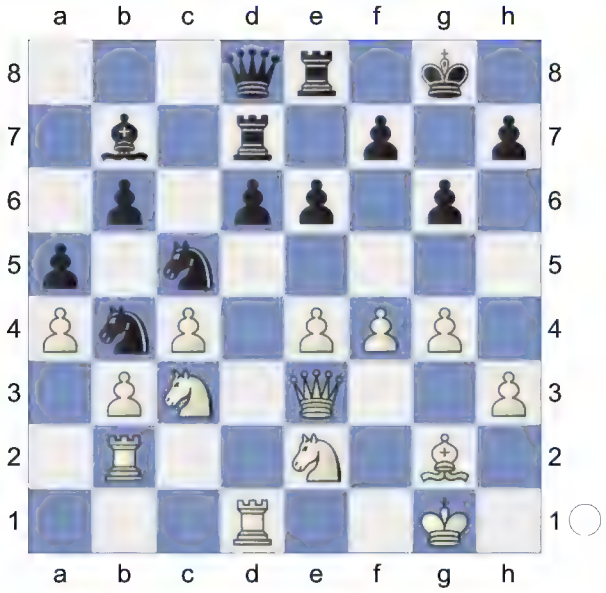


21.Qd2 Rfd8 22.f4 -0.21/19

[⌓22.Qe3 0.30/20]

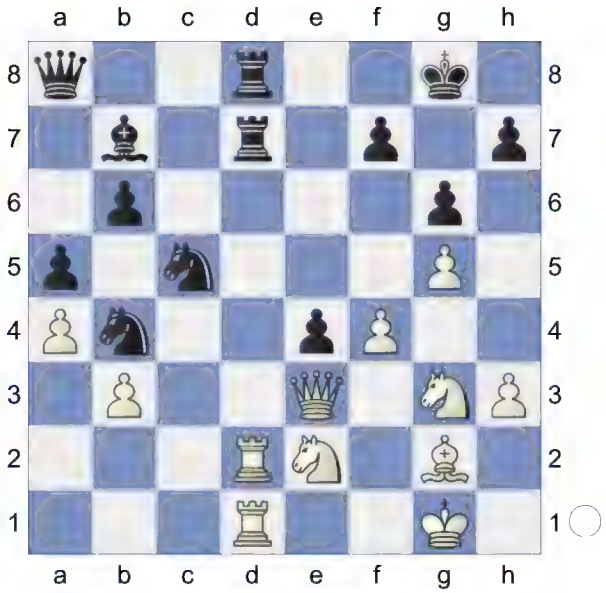
22...Nb4 23.Qe3 Rd7 24.Rb2 -0.51/18

[24.Nd4= -0.15/20]
24...Re8∓ 25.g4 Qd8 0.22/21
[25...d5∓ -0.57/19]

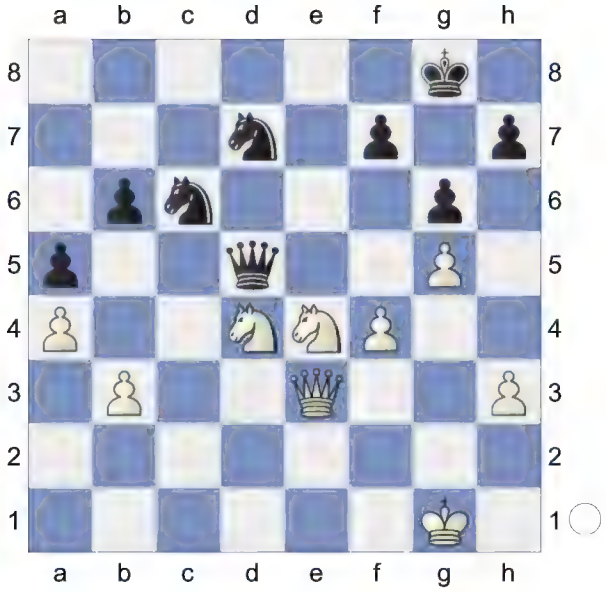


26.g5 -0.42/20
[26.Nb5!= 0.22/21]
26...Qa8 0.18/22
[26...Ree7∓ -0.42/20]
27.Ng3 -0.21/21
[⌓27.h4 0.18/22]
27...Red8 28.Nce2 d5 29.cxd5 exd5 30.Rbd2! dxe4
[30...Nxe4? 31.Nxe4 Kf8 32.Nf6+- *(32.Qxb6 Qa6+-)*]

(Diagram)



31.Rxd7 Rxd7 32.Rxd7 Nxd7 33.Bxe4 Bxe4
[33...Qe8 keeps more tension.
34.Qd4 Ba6 35.Nc3 Nc5]
34.Nxe4 Qd5 35.Nd4 Nc6



36.Nb5 Kf8 37.Kf2 Ne7 38.Nbc3 Qe6 39.Qd4 Qxh3 40.Nf6 Nf5

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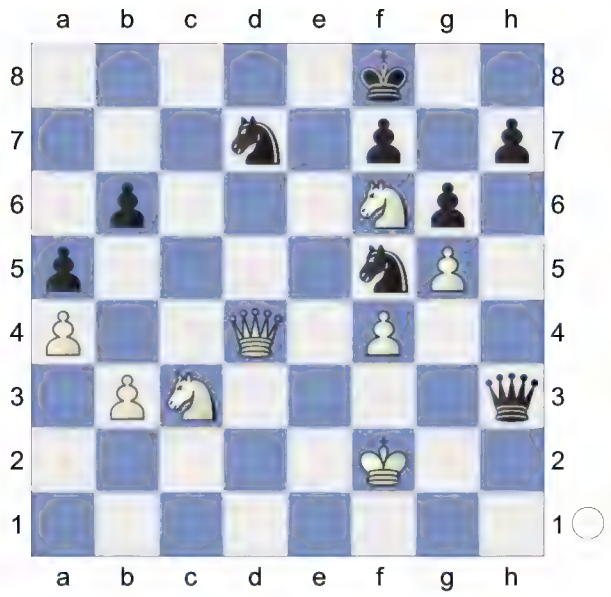
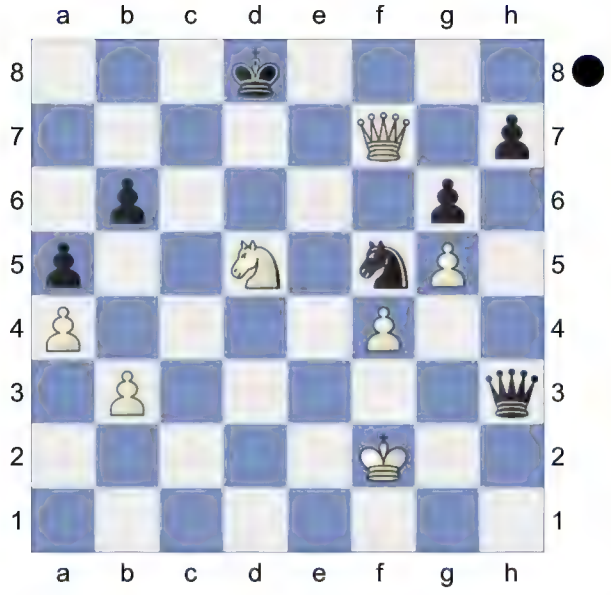


41.Nxd7+ Ke7 42.Qf6+
[But not 42.Qd2 Qh2+ 43.Ke1 Qxd2+ 44.Kxd2 Kxd7∓]
42...Kxd7 43.Qxf7+= Endgame KQN-KQN **43...Kd8 44.Nd5**



Wards off Qe3+ **44...Qg3+ 45.Kf1 Qf3+**

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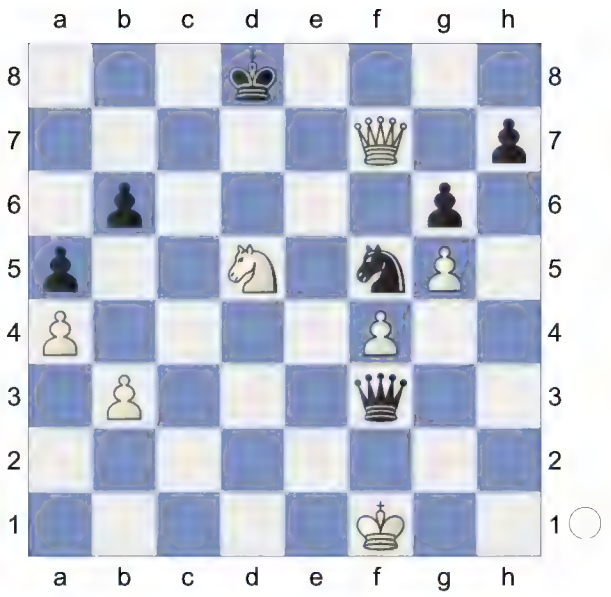
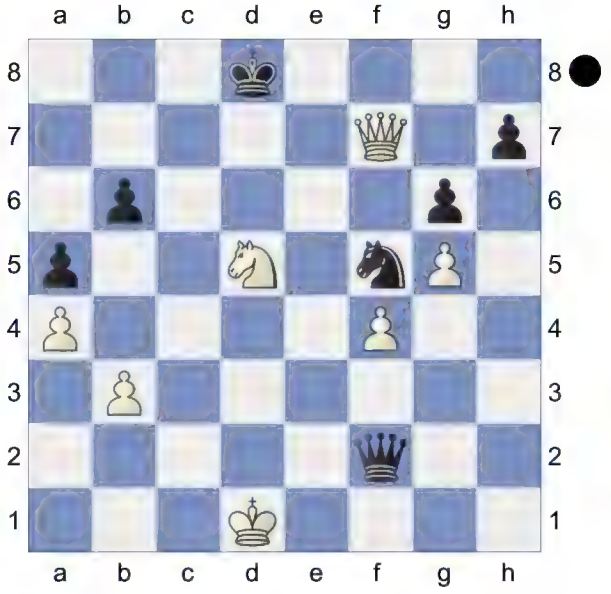
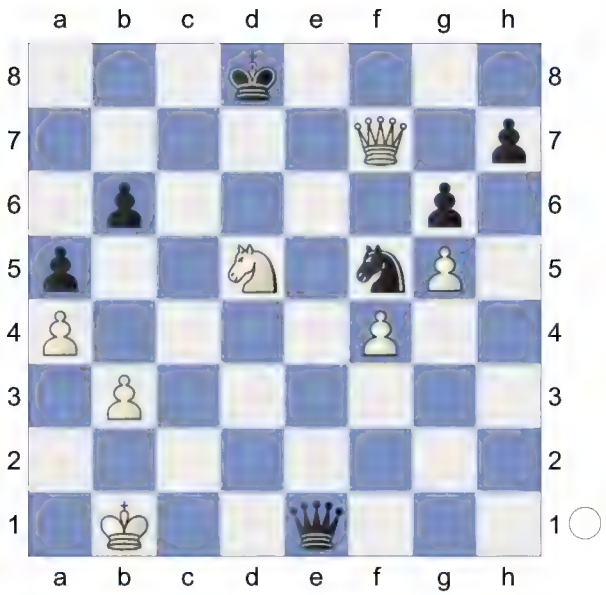


46.Ke1 Dancing on a razor blade.
46...Qg3+ 47.Kd2 Qf2+ 48.Kd1



Qf1+ 49.Kc2 Qf2+ 50.Kb1 Qe1+

(Diagram)

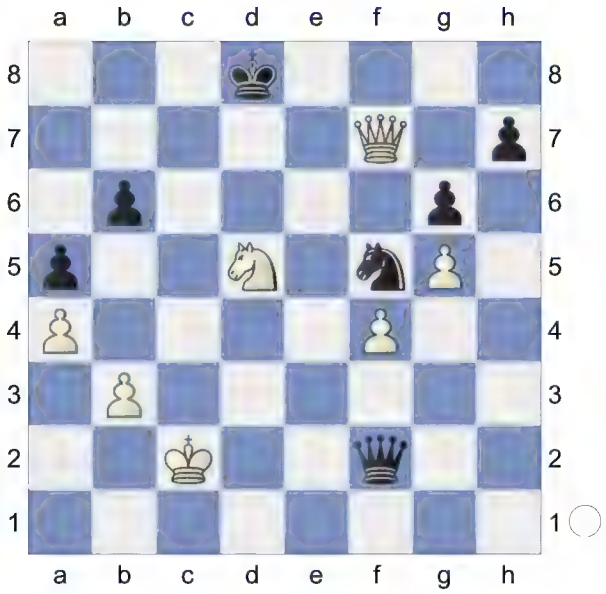


51.Kc2 Qf2+ 52.Kb1 Qe1+ 53.Kc2

Threatening mate with Qc7+.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

53...Qf2+



½-½

90 **A36**

□ **Barcenilla,R** **2450**

■ **Grivas,E** **2500**

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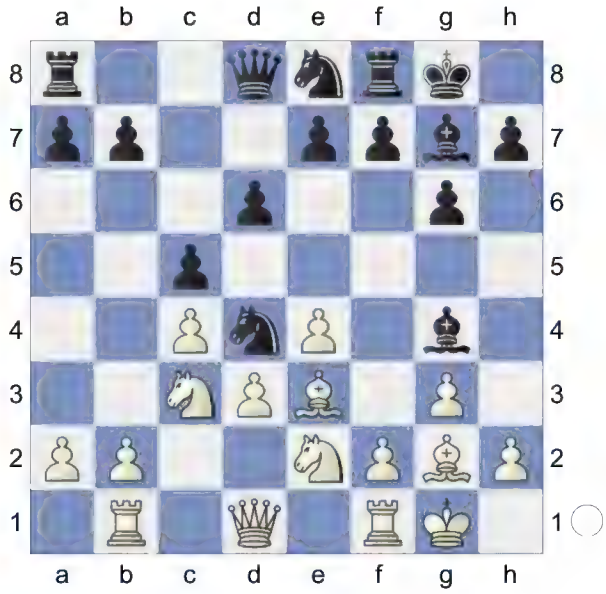
[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e4 c5

6.d3 Nc6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 Ne8 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Rb1 Bg4



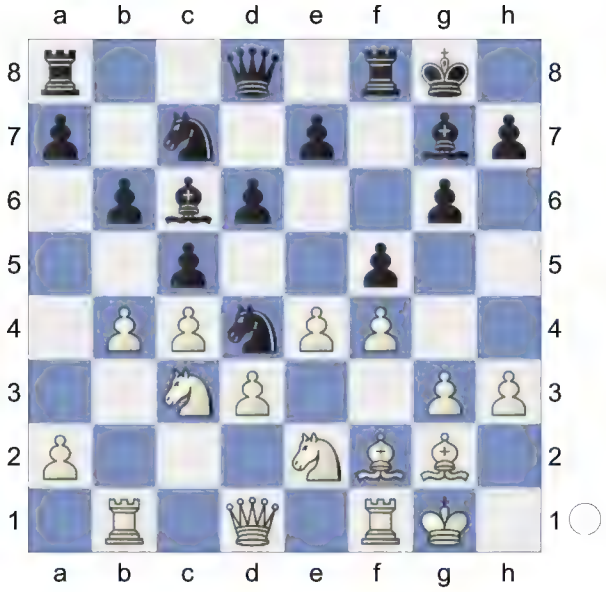
11.f3 Bd7 12.b4 b6 White is slightly better. **13.f4**

[13.Qd2 Nc7 14.h3 Rc8 15.f4 f5 16.bxc5 dxc5 17.e5 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2 e6 19.a4 Rb8 20.a5 Na6 21.axb6 axb6 22.d4 cxd4 23.Bxd4 Nc5 24.Rfd1 Qc7 25.Nb5 Bxb5 26.cxb5 Rfd8 27.Qc4 Bf8 1-0 (45) Righi,E (2723)-4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 (2710) Kolkata (blitz) 2019 (5)]

13...Nc7N

[13...Rc8 14.h3 e6 15.bxc5 Nxe2+ 16.Nxe2 dxc5 17.g4 f5 18.gxf5 gxf5 19.e5 Kh8 20.Kh2 Rg8 21.Rg1 Bh6 22.Qd2 Ng7 23.Bf3 Qh4 24.Rbf1 Be8 25.Bf2 Qe7 26.Qe1 Qd7 27.Bh4 Nh5 28.Bxh5 ½-½ (37) Bovay,J-Hass,J USCCC-8 final 9093 1990]

14.h3 Bc6 15.Bf2 f5

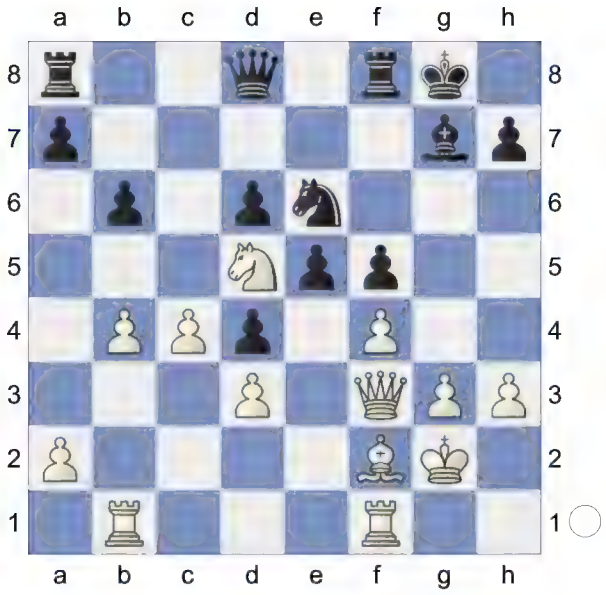


16.exf5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 gxf5 0.28/19

[⌓17...Rxf5 -0.16/19 18.Be3 Rf8]

18.Nxd4= cxd4 19.Nd5 e5 20.Qf3 Ne6

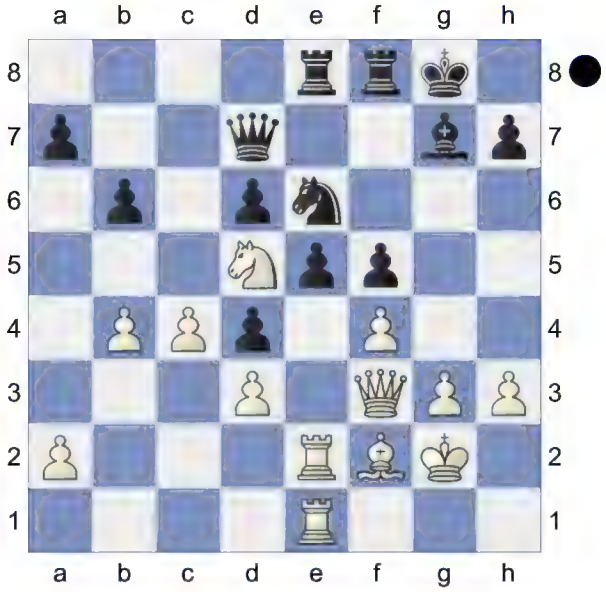
(Diagram)



21.Rfe1 Qd7 22.Re2 -0.02/20

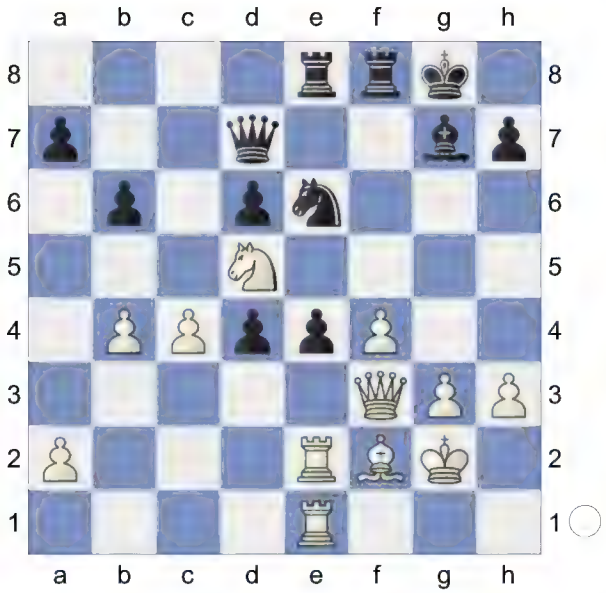
[22.h4± 0.34/20]

22...Rae8 23.Rbe1

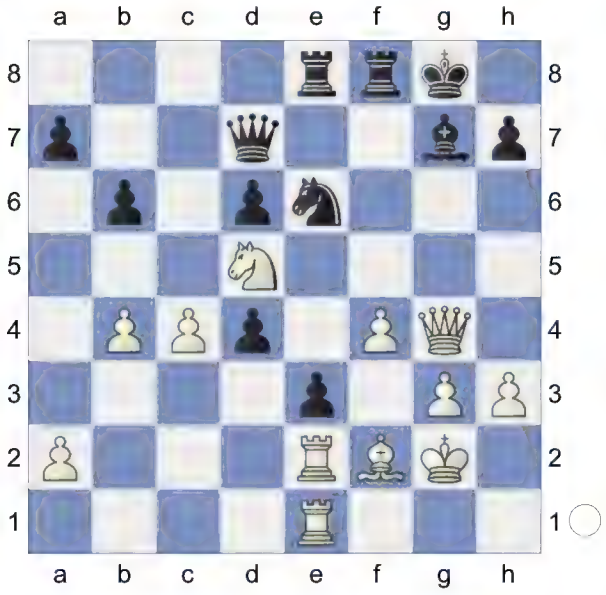


e4 1.12/21 Black is now going downhill. **24.dxe4±** White is more active. **24...fxe4**

(Diagram)

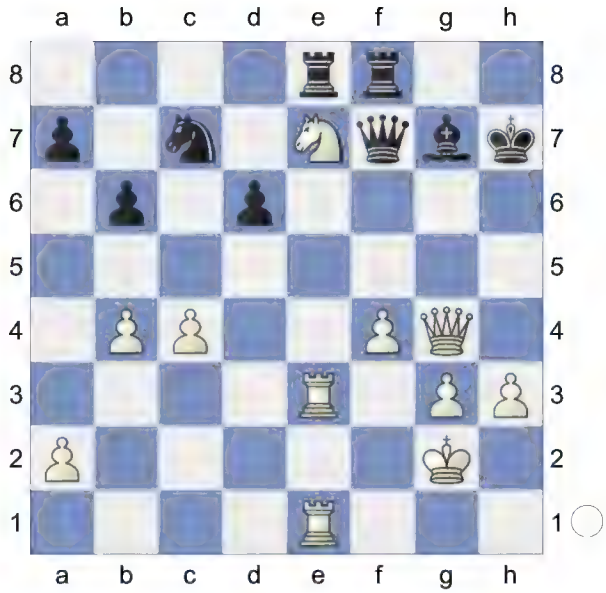


25.Qg4 e3

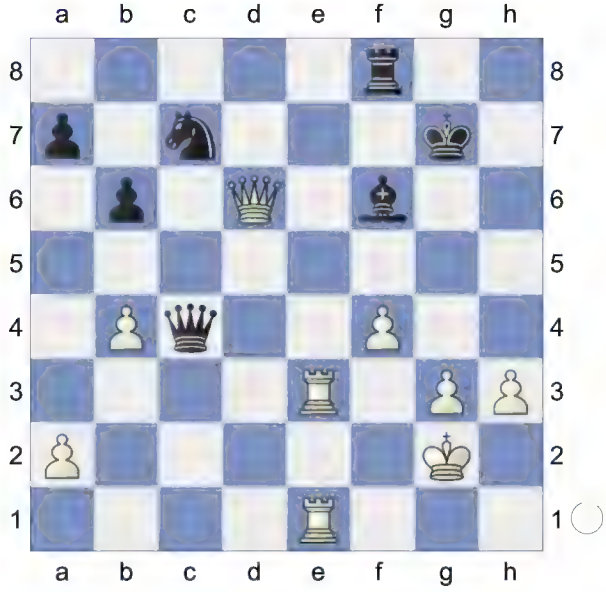


26.Bxe3! dxe3 3.13/19
[⌓26...d3 2.22/20]
27.Rxe3+- h5 28.Qxh5 Qf7 29.Qg4 Nc7 30.Ne7+ Kh7

(Diagram)

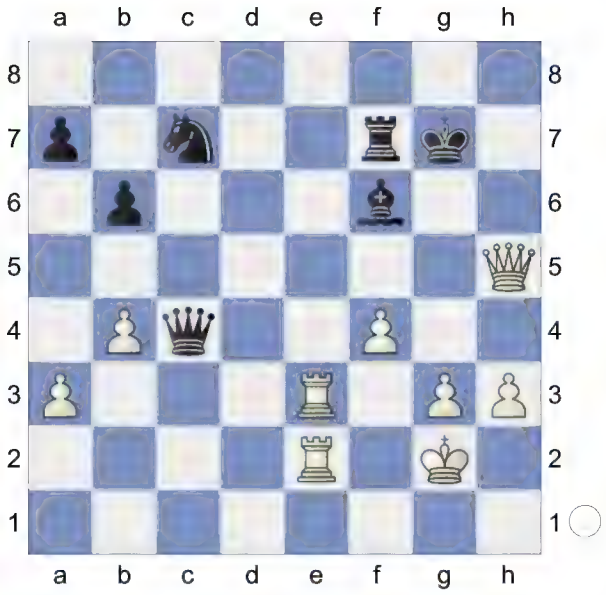


31.Qe2 Bf6 32.Qd3+ Black is weak on the light squares **32...Kh8 33.Qxd6 Qxc4** 3.30/18
[⌓33...Qg7 1.93/17 34.g4 *(34.Qxc7 Rf7=)* 34...Rf7]
34.Ng6+ Discovered Attack, Double Attack **34...Kg7 35.Nxf8 Rxf8**

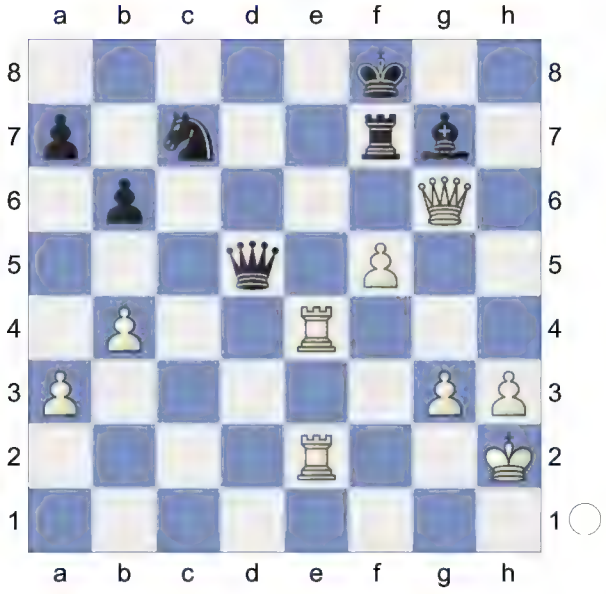


36.Qd7+ Rf7 37.Qg4+ Kh7 38.Qh5+ Kg7 39.a3 Qc2+ 40.R1e2 Qc4

(Diagram)

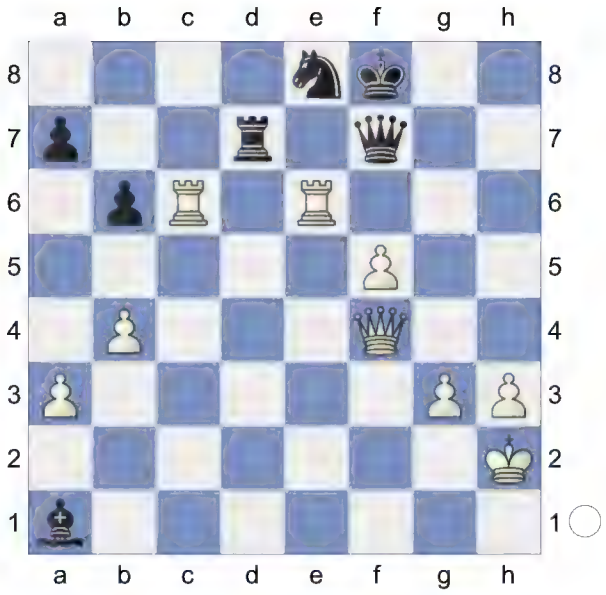


41.f5 Qd5+ 42.Kh2 Kf8 43.Re4 Bg7 44.Qg5 Bf6 45.Qg6 Strongly threatening Rg4. **45...Bg7**



46.Qg5 Bf6 47.Qf4 Rd7 48.Rc4 Qf7 49.Rc6 Ne8 50.Ree6 Ba1? 7.03/16
[50...Bd8 3.81/16 51.h4 Qh5]

(Diagram)



51.Rc8 White is clearly winning. **51...Re7 52.Qd6 b5 53.g4 Kg7**
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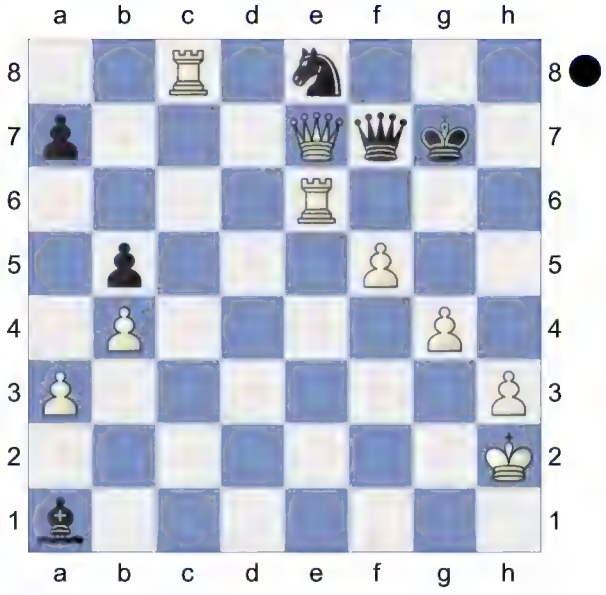
54.Qxe7



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91 **A26**
□ **Beikert,G** **2440**
■ **Hamdouchi,Hicham** **2564**
ch-(team) 1998-9 French Team Ch FRA ..
[Kitty Kat]

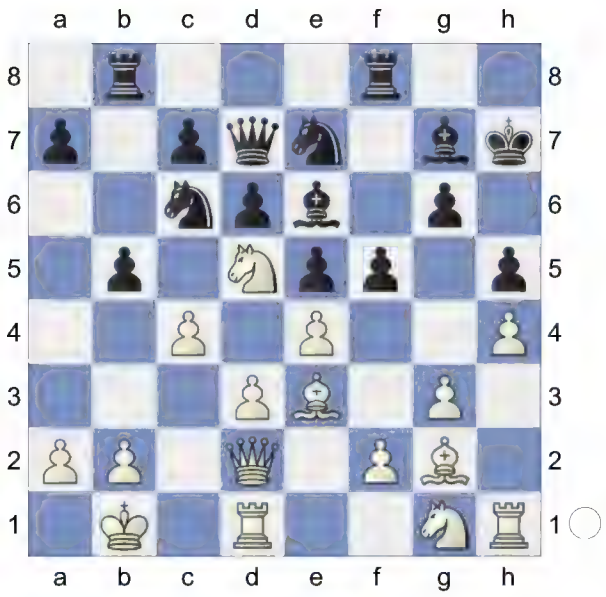
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6

6.d3 Nge7 7.Nge2 Be6 8.Nd5 0-0 9.h4 h5 10.Bg5 White is slightly better.
10...f6

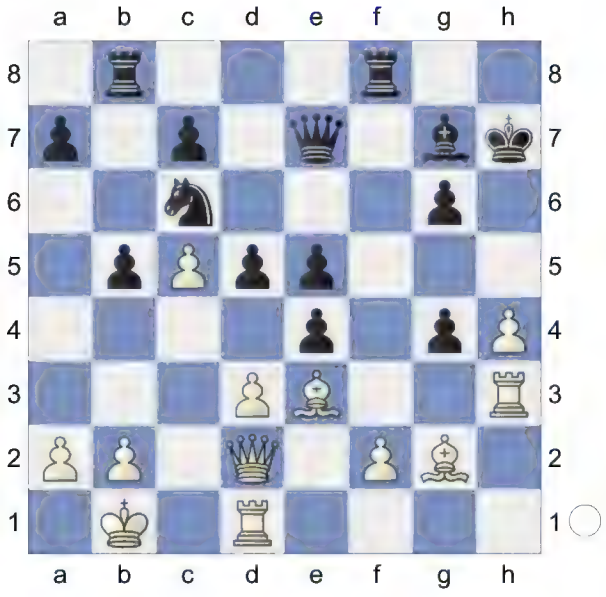
(Diagram)

11.Be3 Qd7 12.Qd2N
[12.0-0 f5 13.Bg5 Rf7 14.Qd2 Raf8 15.Rae1 fxe4 16.dxe4 Bg4 17.b3 Kh7 18.f4 Ng8 19.Ne3 Bh3 20.f5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Nce7 22.fxg6+ Kxg6 23.Rxf7 Rxf7 24.Nc3 Nf6 25.Rf1 Ng4 26.Rxf7 Kxf7 ; -; (35) 5.♘g5 ♘gf6 6.♗d3 54933 (2702)-7.. ♘f6 8.h5 ♗h7 9. ♗d3 î (2673) 14th HZ Open 2010 (1.4) 27.Bxe7 Kxe7 28.Nf5+ Kf8 29.Qg5 Nf6 30.Nd5 Qf7 31.Nxg7 Nxd5 32.cxd5 Qxg7 33.Qd8+ Kf7 34.Qxc7+ Kg8 35.Qxg7+ ½-½ Bareev,E (2702)-Azmaiparashvili,Z (2673) FIDE World Cup KO 2000 (1.4)]
12...Kh7 13.0-0-0 -0.67/19
[13.0-0± 0.51/18]
13...f5 0.26/21
[13...Rab8!∓ -0.67/19]
14.Kb1 -0.15/22
[⌓14.Ng1 0.26/21]
14...Rab8!= 15.Ng1 -0.70/22
[15.Nec3= -0.01/19]
15...b5∓

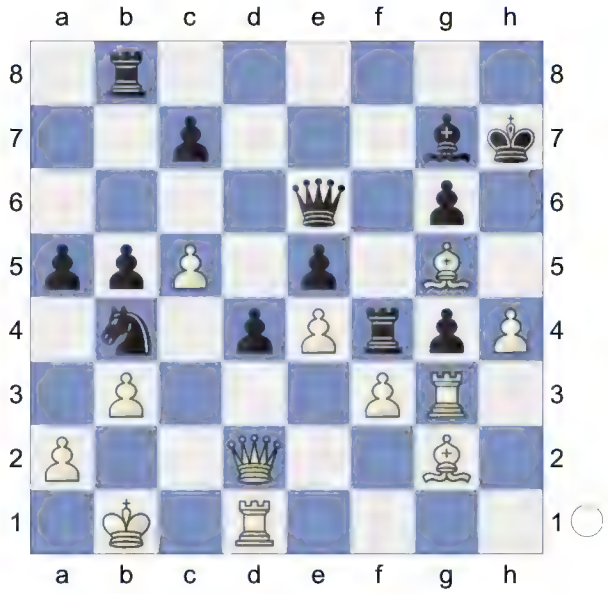
(Diagram)



16.c5 fxe4 0.14/23
[16...Kh8∓ -0.61/21]
17.Nxe7= Qxe7 18.Nh3 Bxh3
[18...dxc5 19.Ng5+ Kg8 20.Nxe6 Qxe6 21.Bxc5±]
19.Rxh3 -0.27/22
[19.cxd6 0.09/23 is more appropriate. cxd6 *(19...Qxd6 20.Rxh3 Qe6 21.Rhh1±)* 20.Bxh3]
19...d5 0.34/22
[19...dxc5 20.Bxe4 Rf6 21.g4+-]
[19...Qe6= -0.27/22]
20.g4 hxg4

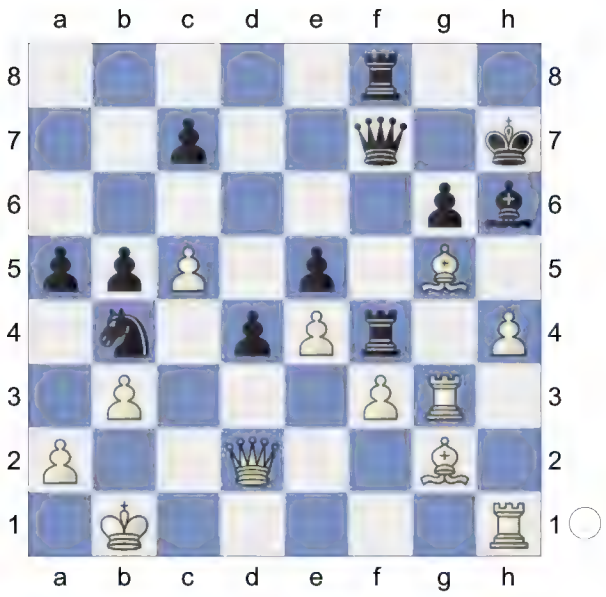


21.Rg3 Qe6
[21...Qxh4? 22.Rh1+- *(22.dxe4 d4+-)*]
22.dxe4 d4 23.Bg5 a5 0.30/20
[⌓23...Bf6! -0.18/20]
24.f3 Nb4 25.b3 Rf4

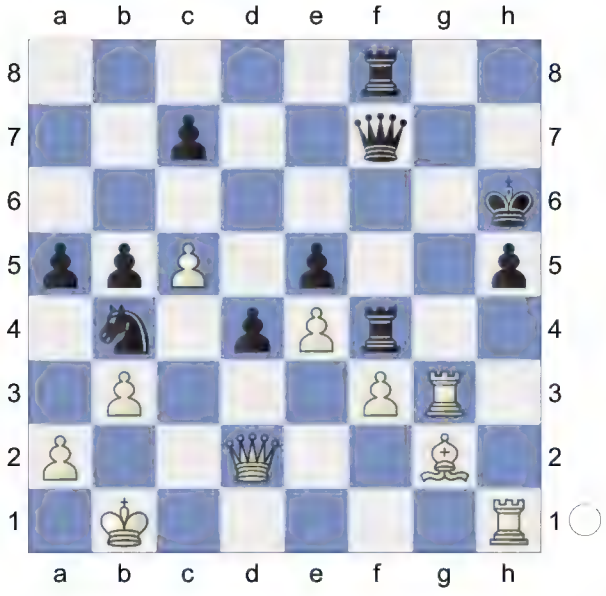


26.Rxg4!
[26.Bxf4?! exf4 27.Rxg4 *(27.Qxf4 gxf3 28.Bxf3 Rf8±)* 27...d3±]
26...Rbf8 2.52/19 **27.Rg3!+-**
[27.Bxf4 exf4 28.h5 *(28.Rxf4? d3-+)* 28...d3 29.Rxg6 *(29.Rxf4? Qe5-+; 29.hxg6+? Kg8-+)* 29...Qe5 30.Rxg7+ Kxg7±]
27...Qf7 28.Rh1 Bh6

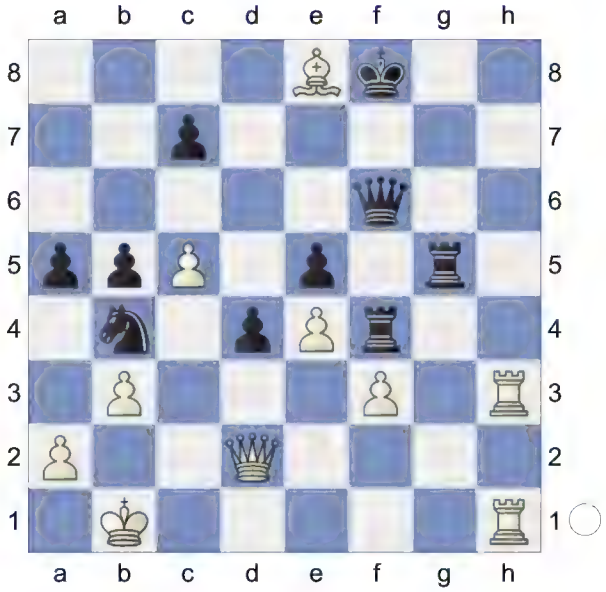
(Diagram)



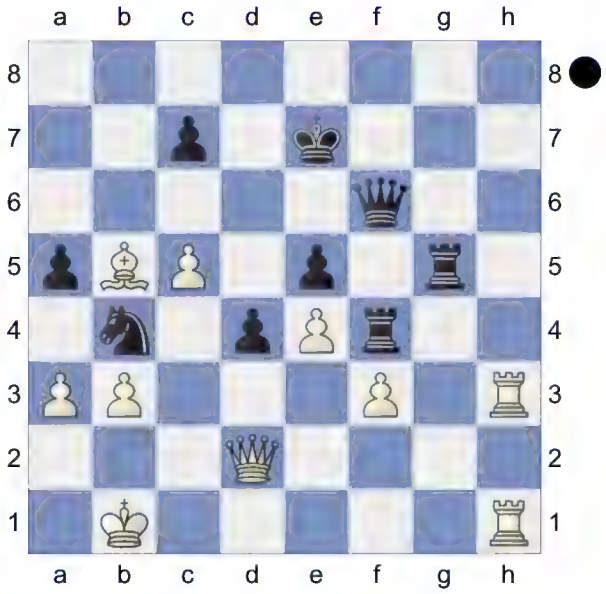
29.h5!
[29.Bxf4? Bxf4 30.Qe1 Bxg3 31.Qxg3 Qf4 32.Qxf4 Rxf4-+]
29...gxh5 White must now prevent ... Rg8. **30.Bxh6**
[30.Bxf4 Bxf4 31.Qf2 Nd3∓ *(31...Bxg3? 32.Qxg3 Rg8 33.Qf2-+)*]
30...Kxh6



31.Bh3! and Bg4 should not be overlooked **31...Rg8 32.Bg4 Rg5**
33.Rgh3 1.12/20
[33.Qh2+- 2.76/19 has better winning chances.]
33...Kg7? 4.50/22
[33...Rgxg4± 1.12/20 34.fxg4 Kg6 35.gxh5+ Kh7]
34.Bxh5 2.48/18
[⌓34.Rxh5 4.50/22 Rxh5 35.Rxh5]
34...Qf6 5.28/18
[34...Qe6 2.48/18 was necessary. 35.Qh2 a4]
35.Be8 White is clearly winning. **35...Kf8**



36.Bxb5 Ke7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.64
37.a3



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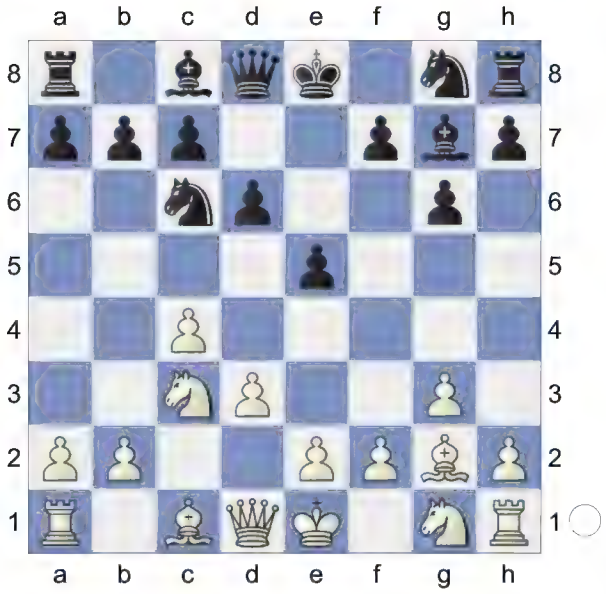
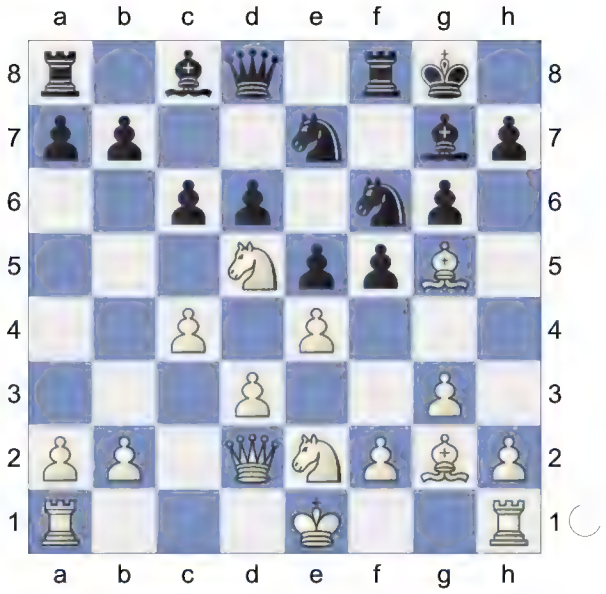
92 **A26**
□ **Beikert,G** **2440**
■ **Renet,Olivier** **2500**
ch-(team) 1998-9 French Team Ch FRA ..
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.g3 e5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 d6



6.e4 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.Nd5 0-0 9.Bg5 Ne7
[9...Be6 10.Qd2 Qd7 11.0-0 Nh5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.b4 Rae8 14.b5 Nd8 15.Bxd8 Rxd8 16.Nb4 Rb8 17.Qe3 Bh3 18.Rab1 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 c6 20.Qxa7 cxb5 21.cxb5 Qxb5 22.Qe3 Rbc8 23.Rfc1 Nf6 24.Nc3 ; -; (64) Morozov,Y (2628)-3. ♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 de 5. ♘e5 (2579) Beer-Sheva 54/469 1992 (4.3)]
10.Qd2N
[10.0-0 c6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bxf6 Rxf6 13.d4 Be6 14.d5 Bf7 15.Qd2 fxe4 16.Nc3 cxd5 17.cxd5 Be8 18.Nxe4 Rf8 19.Rac1 Bb5 20.Rfe1 Nf5 21.Ng5 Qb6 22.Ne6 Rf7 23.Be4 Nd4 24.Nxd4 exd4 1-0 (37) Cela,A (2483)-Krush,I (2411) Smartchess.com 2nd 2001 (6) 25.Rcd1 Raf8 26.f4 Re7 27.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 28.Rxd4 Rfe8 29.Kf2 Bd7 30.Kf3 h5 31.Ke3 Bf5 32.Kd3 Kg7 33.a4 b6 34.Rc4 Kf6 35.h4 Kg7 36.Re3 a5 37.Re1 Kf6 ½-½ Cekro,E (2419)-Bogut,Z (2403) BIH-chT Neum 2002 (8.3)]
10...c6



11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.0-0 Be6 13.b3 Qd7 14.exf5 Bxf5 The position is equal. **15.Bxf6** -0.40/22
[15.Nc3= 0.21/18]
15...Bxf6∓

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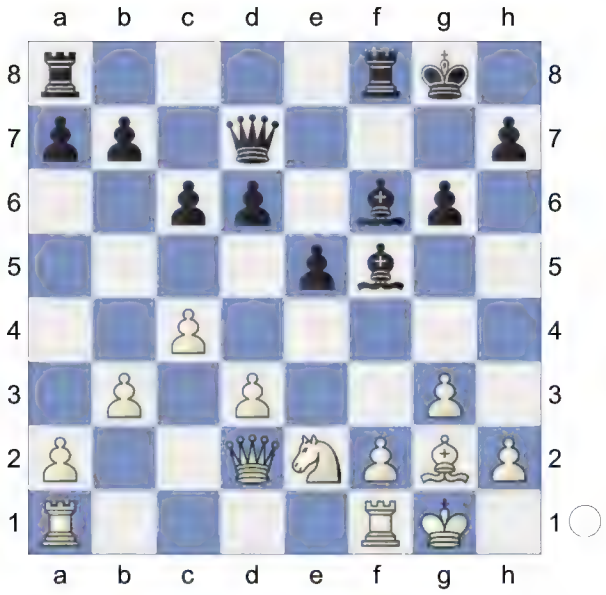
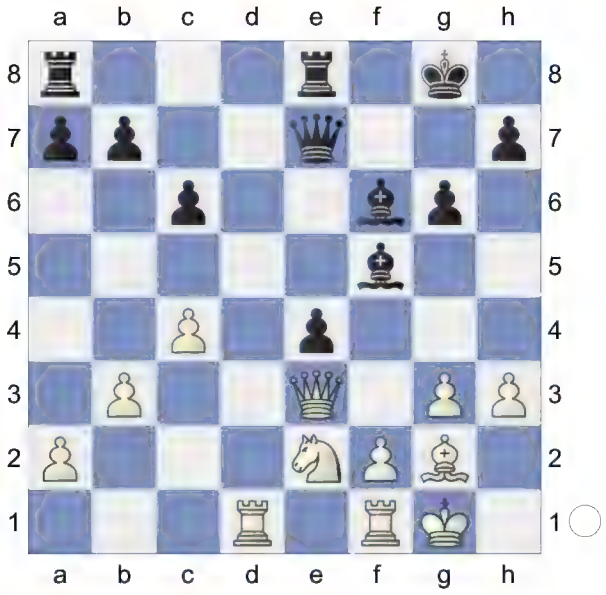


16.d4 Qg7 -0.16/20
[16...e4∓ -0.62/20]
17.dxe5 -0.55/20
[17.Rad1= -0.16/20]
17...dxe5 18.Rad1 e4 19.Qe3 Rfe8 20.h3 Qe7



21.Rfe1 Bg5 A strong pair of Bishops.
22.Nf4 a5 23.h4 Bf6 24.Bh3 Inhibits Bg4. **24...Bxh3 25.Nxh3 a4**

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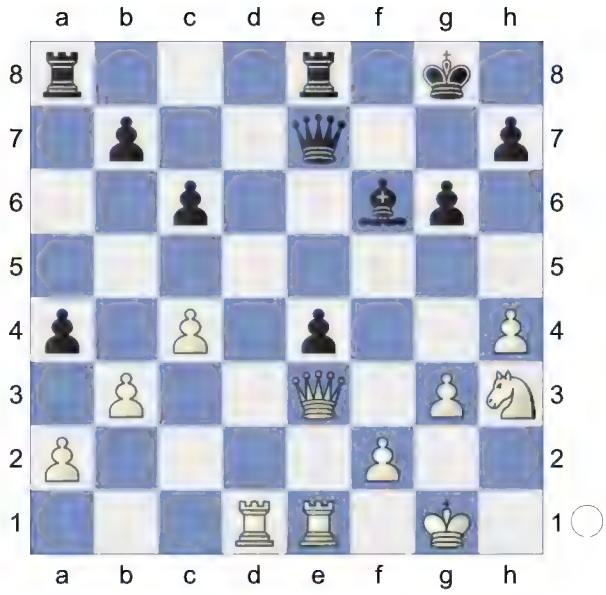
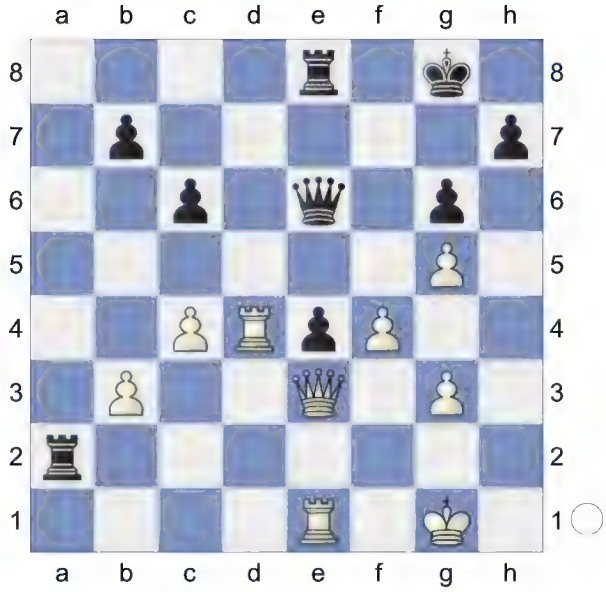


26.Ng5 Bxg5 27.hxg5
[27.Qxg5 simplifies Qxg5 28.hxg5 axb3 29.axb3 Ra2 30.Rd7]
27...axb3 28.axb3 Ra5 29.f4 Ra2 30.Rd4 Qe6



31.Rxe4
[31.Qxe4 Qxe4 32.Rexe4 *(32.Rdxe4 Rxe4 33.Rxe4 Rb2±)* 32...Rxe4 33.Rxe4 Rb2]
31...Qxe4 32.Qxe4 Rxe4 33.Rxe4±

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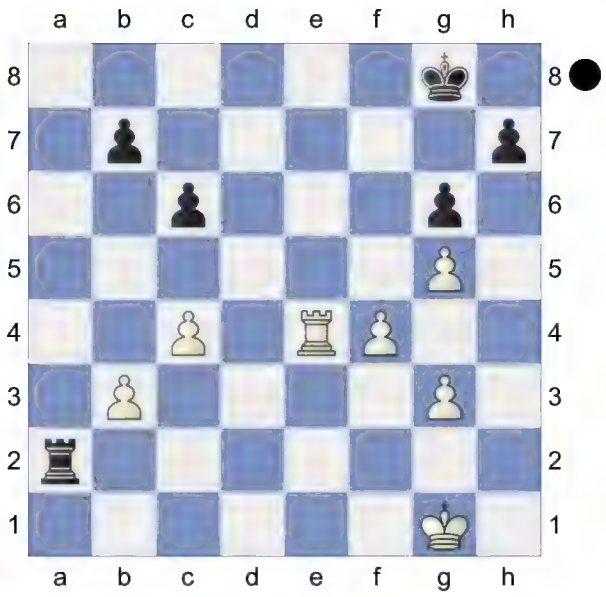
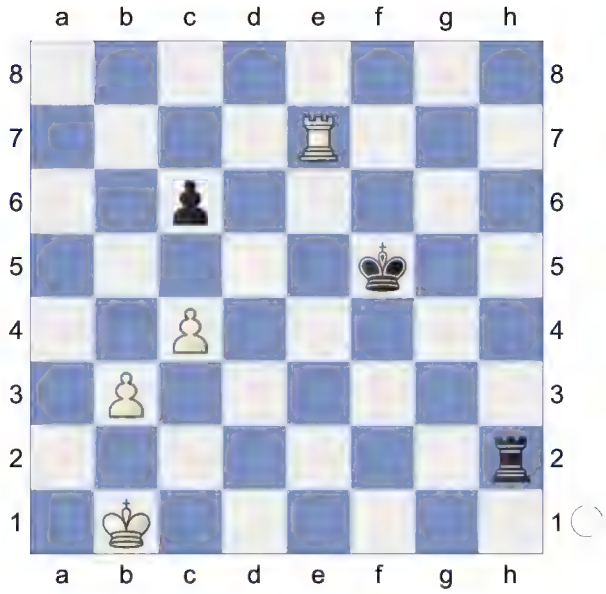


Endgame KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
33...Rb2! 34.Re3 h5 1.89/26
[34...Kf7± 0.52/21]
35.gxh6+- Kh7

36.g4? 0.14/17
[White has to play 36.Re7++- 1.93/26 Kxh6 37.Rxb7]
36...Kxh6= 37.Kf1 Threatens to win with Re6. **37...Kg7?** 2.82/24
[37...b6= 0.06/25 and Black stays safe.]
38.Re7++- Kf6 39.Rxb7 g5 40.fxg5+ 0.19/22
[40.f5+- 4.47/27 Ke5 41.c5]
40...Kxg5=

41.Ke1 Kxg4 42.Kd1 Kf5 43.Kc1 Rh2 44.Re7 Rg2 45.Kb1 Rh2



46.Rc7 Rh6 47.Kb2 Ke5 48.Rd7 Ke6? 5.95/24
[48...Rd6!= 0.13/22 49.Rxd6 Kxd6]
49.Rd1 Rh5? 6.86/22
[49...Rh7 3.52/19 50.c5 Rd7 51.Rxd7 Kxd7]
50.Ka3+- White is clearly winning.
50...Ke7
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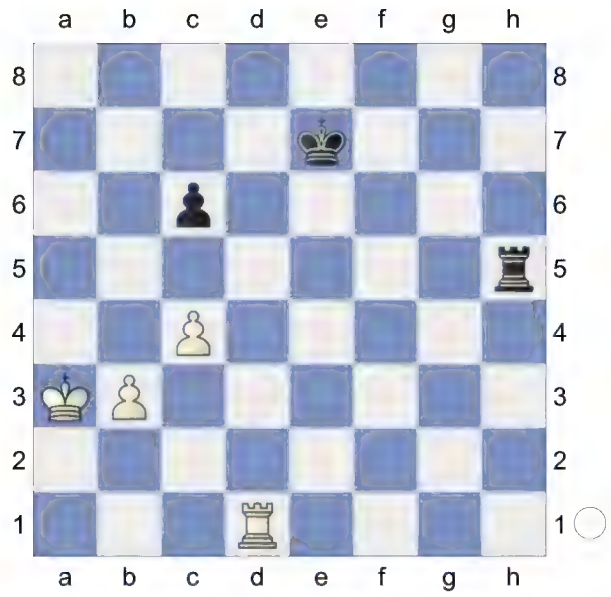
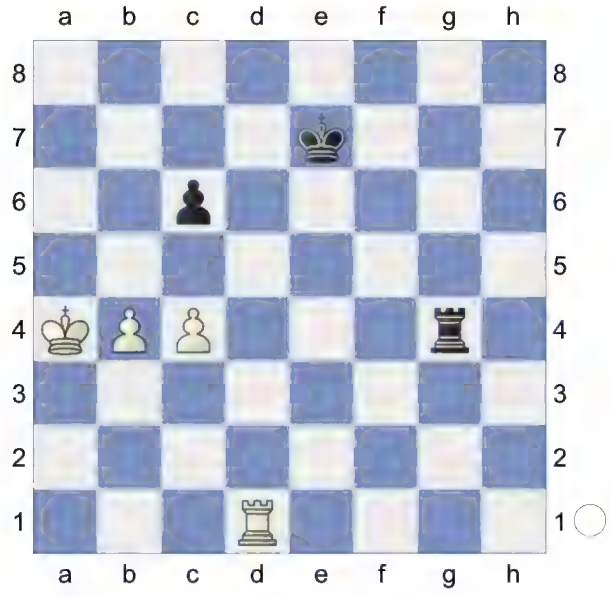


51.Ka4 Rg5 52.b4 Rg4



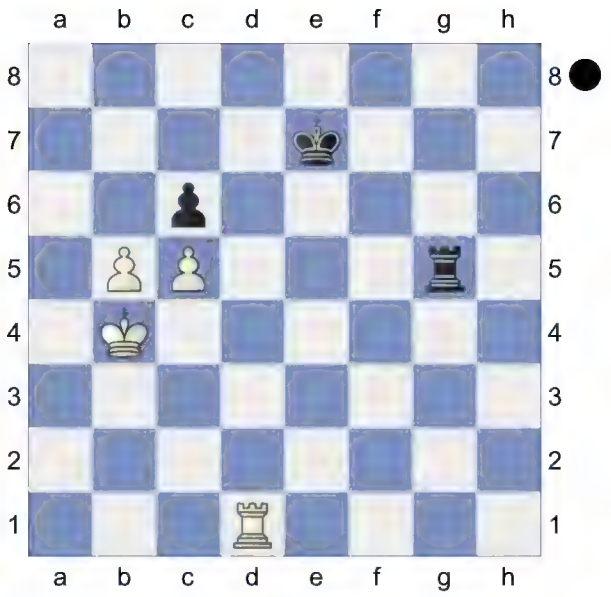
53.c5! Rg8 54.b5 Rg5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.56

55.Kb4

[Not 55.bxc6 Rxc5 56.Rd7+ Ke6=]

(Diagram)



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93 **A26**

□ **Cebalo,Miso** **2437**

■ **Ovsejevitsch,S** **2572**

30th Liechtenstein Open 2012 (3.1)

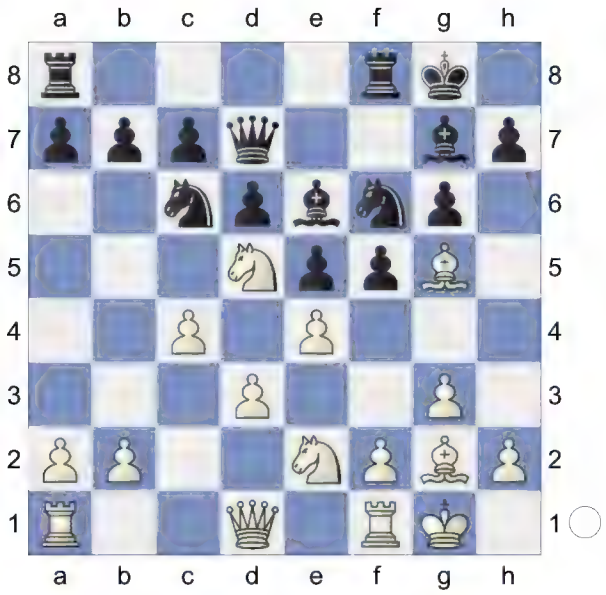
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 d6

(Diagram)

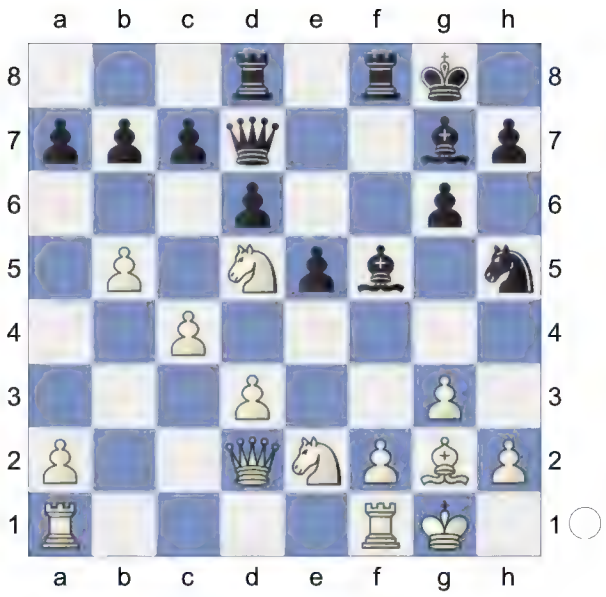
6.e4 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd5 Be6 10.Bg5 Qd7



11.Qd2 Nh5 12.exf5 Bxf5 White is slightly better. **13.b4 Rae8 14.b5 Nd8 15.Bxd8 Rxd8**

[15...Qxd8 16.Nec3 Qc8 17.Rac1 Rf7 18.Ne4 Cebalo,M (2402)-Zelic,M (2291) 117/(8) Zadar 2012]

(Diagram)



16.Nb4 Rb8 17.Nc3N

[17.Qe3 Bh3 18.Rab1 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 c6 20.Qxa7 cxb5 21.cxb5 Qxb5 22.Qe3 Rbc8 23.Rfc1 Nf6 24.Nc3 Qa5 25.Ne4 Rxc1 26.Qxc1 d5 27.Nxf6+ Bxf6 28.Qc2 Be7 29.a3 Bc5 30.f3 Rd8 31.Qb3 Qb6 (64) Chapter-Games Chapter 12 (1)]

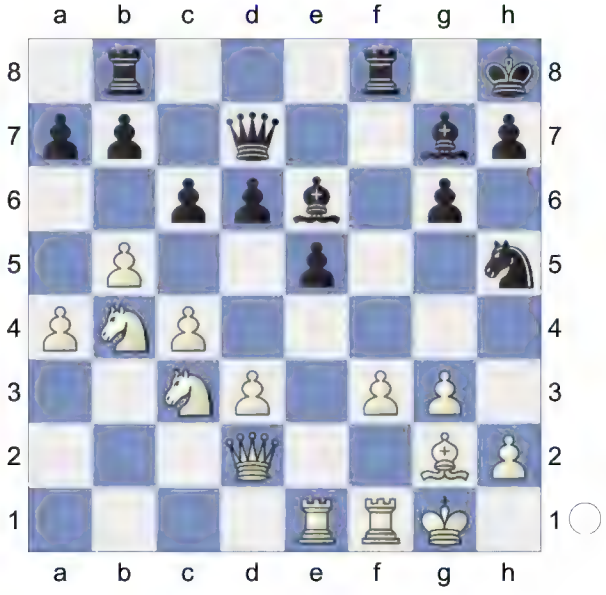
17...Bh3 18.f3 -0.32/20

[18.Bxh3= 0.14/19 Qxh3 19.Rab1]

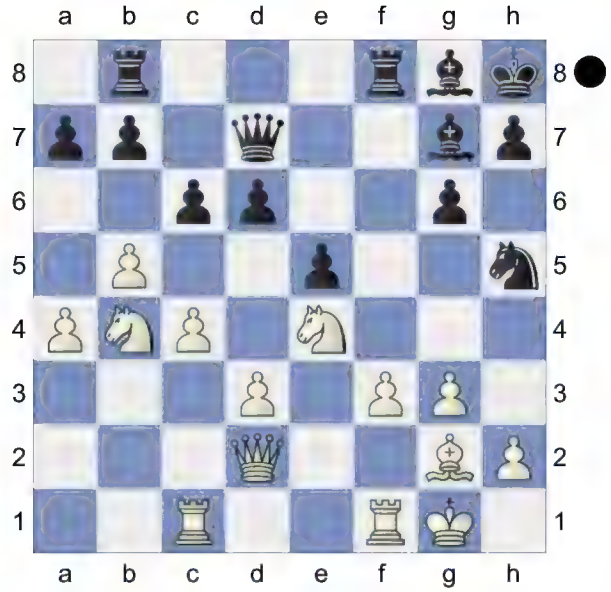
18...Be6!∓ 19.a4 c6 20.Rae1 -0.70/20

[20.Ne4 -0.34/19 might be stronger.]

20...Kh8



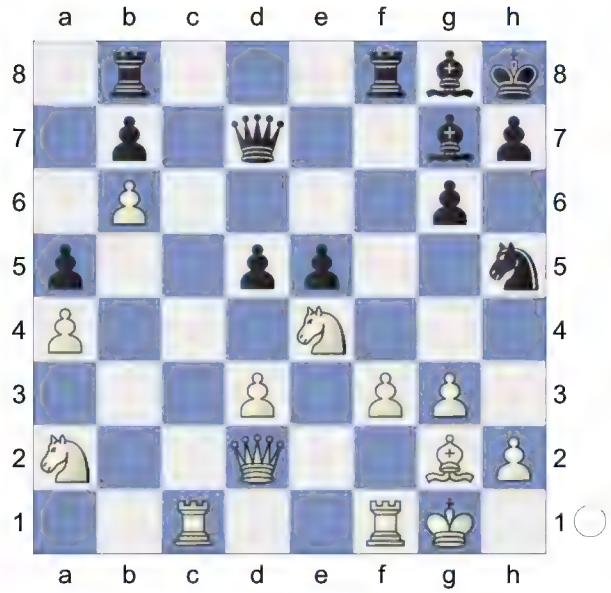
21.Ne4 Bg8 22.Rc1



a6! 23.b6 a5 24.Na2 -1.44/19

[24.Nc2∓ -0.64/22]

24...d5∓ 25.cxd5 cxd5



26.Nc5 Qd6 27.d4

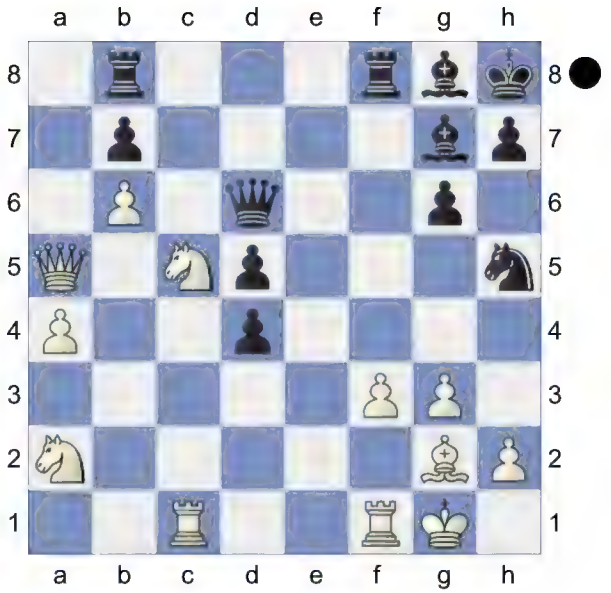
[27.Qxa5 e4 28.Qb4 Nxg3 29.hxg3 exf3-+ *(29...Qxg3 30.dxe4 Be5 31.Rf2±)*]

27...exd4

[27...Qxb6 28.Nd7 Qxd4+ 29.Qxd4 exd4 30.Nxb8 Rxb8 31.Rfd1∓]

28.Qxa5

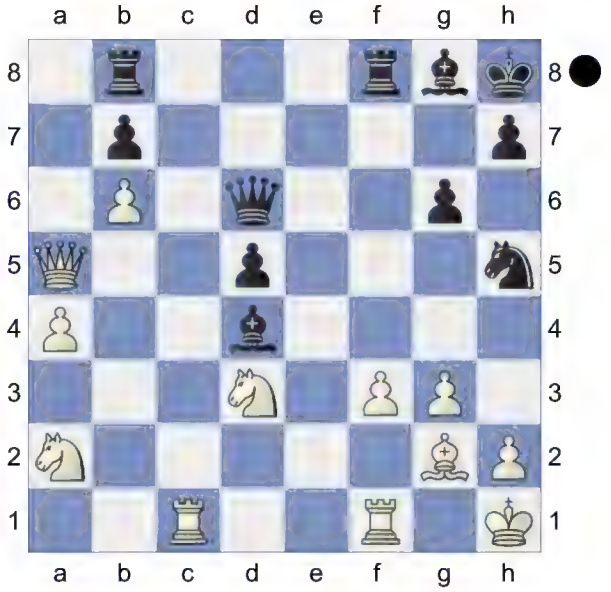
(Diagram)



d3! -0.66/20 **29.Nxd3**

[29.Qb4 d2]

29...Bd4+ 30.Kh1

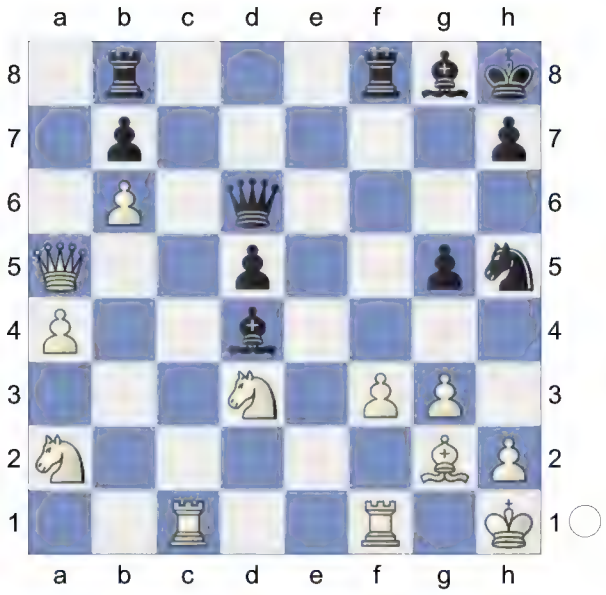


g5!

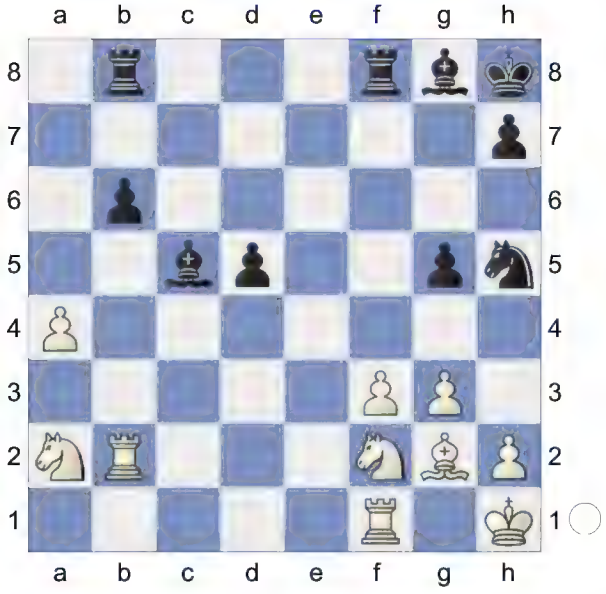
[30...Qxb6 31.Qxb6 Bxb6 32.Rb1∓]

[30...Bxb6 31.Qb4 Qxb4 32.Naxb4∓]

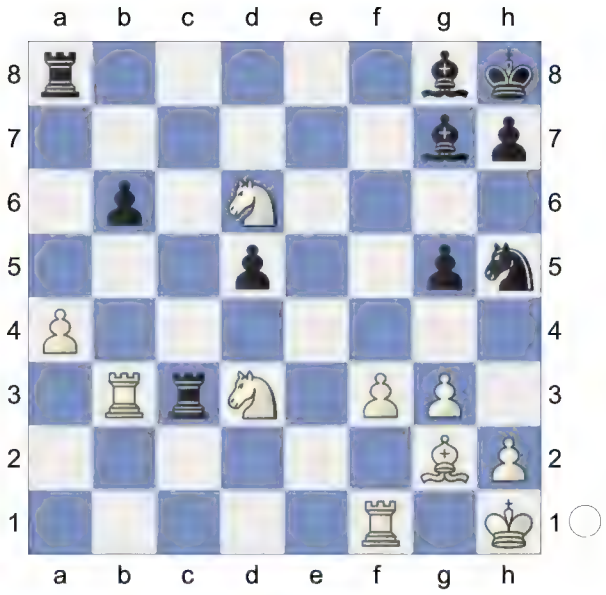
(Diagram)



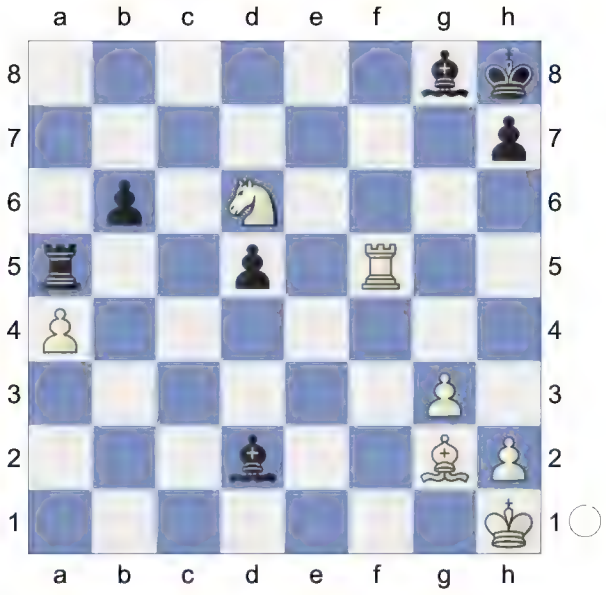
31.Nf2 Qxb6? -0.18/19
[Don't do 31...Bxb6 32.Qd2∓]
[Black should play 31...Nxg3+!-+ -1.85/18 32.hxg3 Qxg3 *(32...Qxb6? too greedy. 33.Qxb6 Bxb6 34.Nb4+-)*]
32.Qxb6= Bxb6 33.Rb1 Bd4 34.Rb4 Bc5 This pair of bishops is nice. **35.Rb2** -0.65/19
[35.Rb5= -0.19/19 b6 36.Nb4]
35...b6∓



36.Nd3 Ra8 37.Nc3 Bd4 38.Rb3 Rfc8 Deflection **39.Nb5 Bg7 40.Nd6 Rc3**

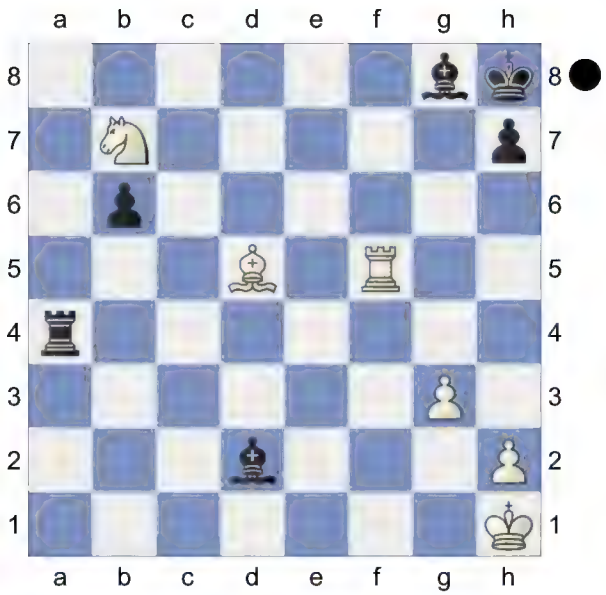


The position is equal. **41.Rxc3 Bxc3 42.f4 gxf4 43.Nxf4 Nxf4 44.Rxf4 Bd2 45.Rf5**
[45.Rd4 Be3 46.Rd3 Rxa4 47.Bxd5 Bxd5+ 48.Rxd5 Bc5]
45...Ra5



46.Nb7 Rxa4 Whites escaped into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
47.Bxd5

(Diagram)



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94 **A36**
□ **Bassket** **2433**
■ **Tantgreta** **2579**
Blitz 12.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.e4 Nc6 4.d3 g6 5.g3 Bg7

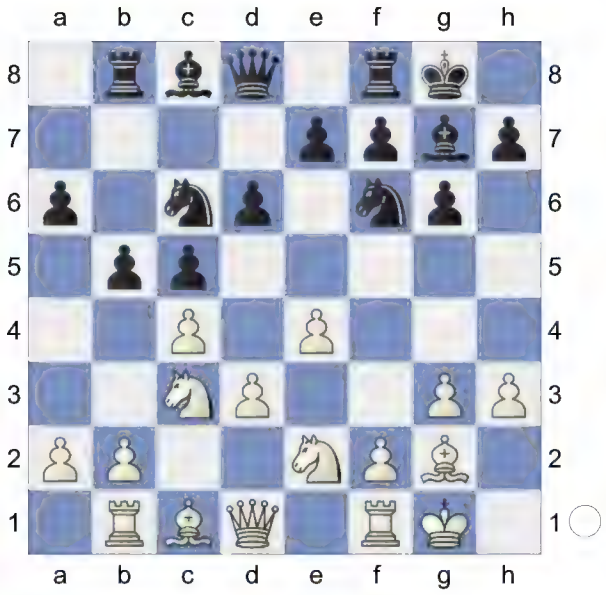
(Diagram)

6.Bg2 0-0 7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 a6 9.h3 Rb8 10.Rb1N

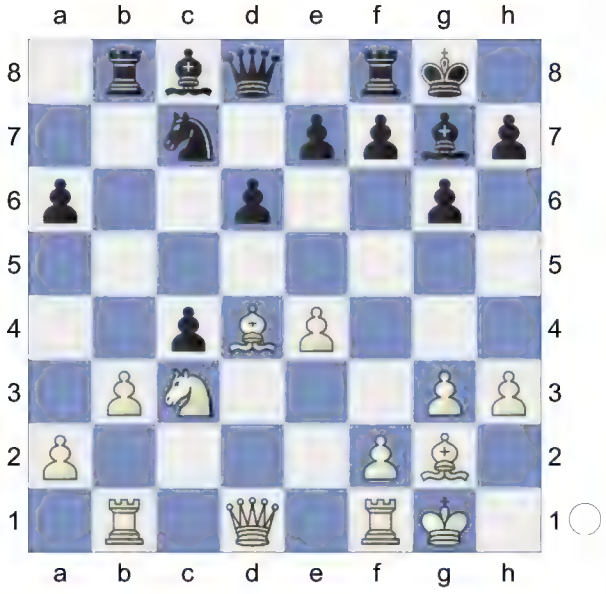
[10.Be3 b5 11.Qd2 bxc4 12.dxc4 *(12.d4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Qa5 15.Rfd1 Qh5 16.g4 Qh4 17.Ba7 Rb7 18.Be3 h6 19.Rab1 Rc7 20.f4 Bxg4 21.Bf2 Qh5 22.hxg4 Nxg4 23.Nd5 Rb7 24.e5 dxe5 25.Nf6+ Bxf6 26.Bxb7 Qh2+* 0-1 (42) Steffen,G (2260)-Jayathilake, M (2205) US Championship 1996 (4)*)* 12...Ne5 13.b3 Bxh3 14.f4 *(14.Bh6 Qd7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nf4 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 h5 18.Nfd5 Nfg4 19.Rad1 Nh2 20.Rh1 Nhf3 21.Qe3 Rh8 22.Ne2 h4 23.Ng1 Nxg1 24.Rhxg1 Rh6 25.f4 Ng4 26.Qf3 Rbh8 27.f5 gxf5 28.exf5 Ne5* 1-0 (80) Timoshenko,G (2295)-Tokmachev,M (2305) corr WSTT/2/22/F 2023 (7)*)* 14...Bxg2 15.fxe5 Nxe4 NEW 22. English without Nf3-22. English without Nf3 #22]

10...b5

(Diagram)



11.b3 Ne8 12.Be3 Black has an edge.
12...Nc7 13.d4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 bxc4

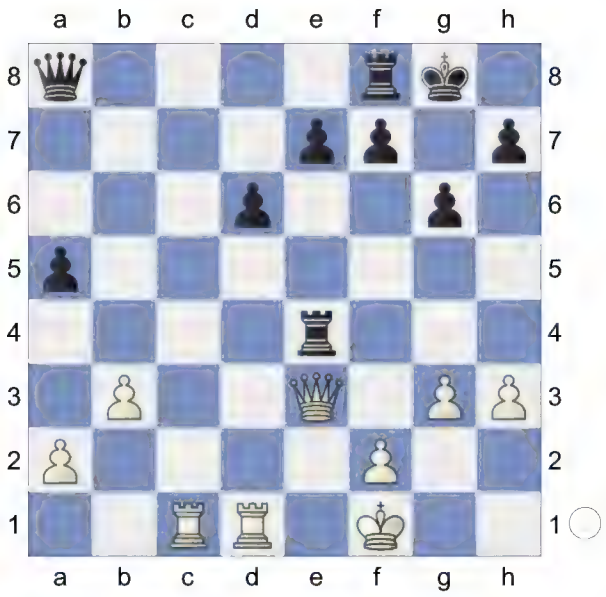


16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qd4+ Kg8 0.47/22
[17...e5∓ -0.33/22 18.Qxc4 Be6]
18.Qxc4 0.01/21
[18.bxc4± 0.47/22 Ne6 19.Qe3]
18...a5 and ...Ba6 would now be decisive
19.Rfd1 Ba6 20.Qd4 Nb5

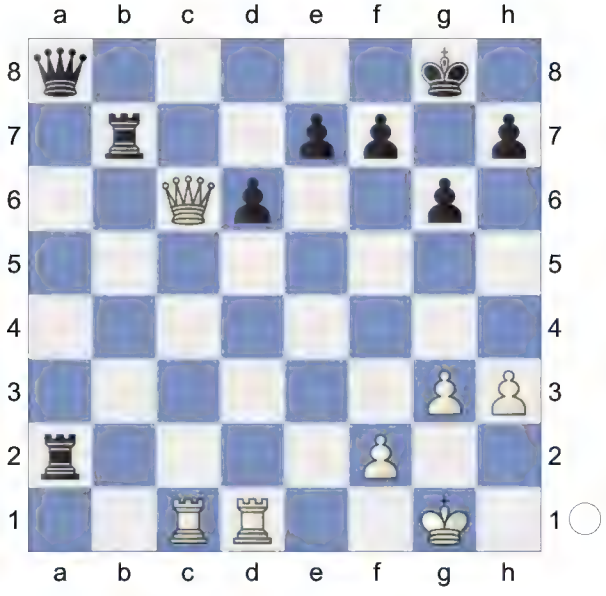
(Diagram)

21.Nxb5 Rxb5 22.Bf1 Rb4 23.Qe3 Bxf1 24.Kxf1 -0.84/18
[24.a3= -0.22/19]

24...Qa8 -0.29/17
[Better is 24...Qc8!∓ -0.84/18 25.Kg2 Qc5]
25.Rbc1 -1.57/21
[25.Rd4= -0.29/17 remains equal.]
25...Rxe4∓
[25...Qxe4 26.Qxe4 Rxe4 27.Re1 Rxe1+ 28.Kxe1∓]

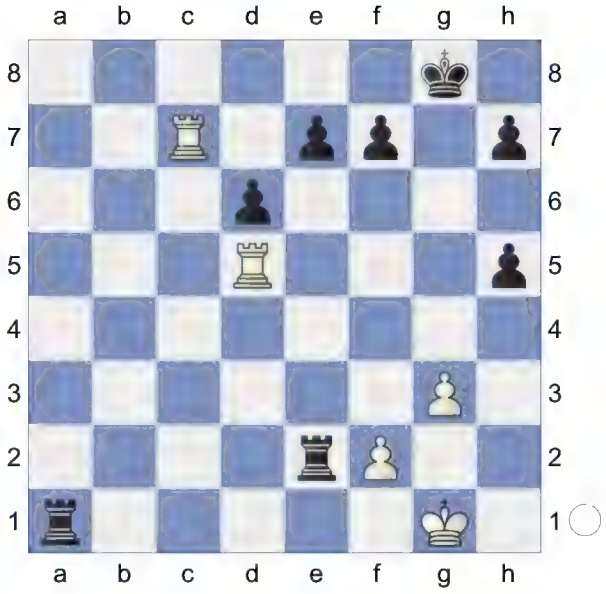


26.Qc3 Rb8 27.Kg1 a4 -1.15/16
[27...Rbb4-+ -1.65/19 28.Rd2 a4 29.bxa4 Qxa4 *(29...Rxa4 30.Rb2∓)* 30.Qc8+ Kg7 31.Qc3+ f6]
28.bxa4 -2.22/17
[28.Re1∓ -1.15/16 was worth a try.]
28...Rxa4-+ 29.Qc7 Rb7
[Not 29...Rxa2 30.Qxe7 Qf3 31.Rf1∓]
30.Qc6 Rxa2

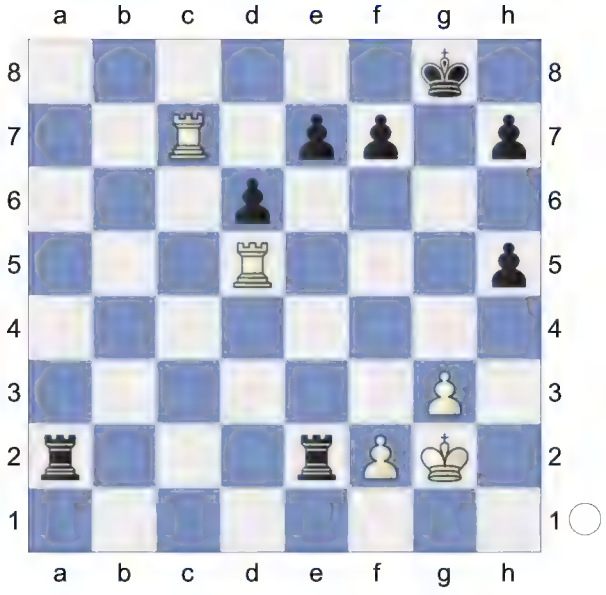


31.h4 Rbb2 32.Qxa8+ Rxa8
Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is two pawns up. **33.Rc7 Re2 34.h5 gxh5**

35.Rd5 Ra1+

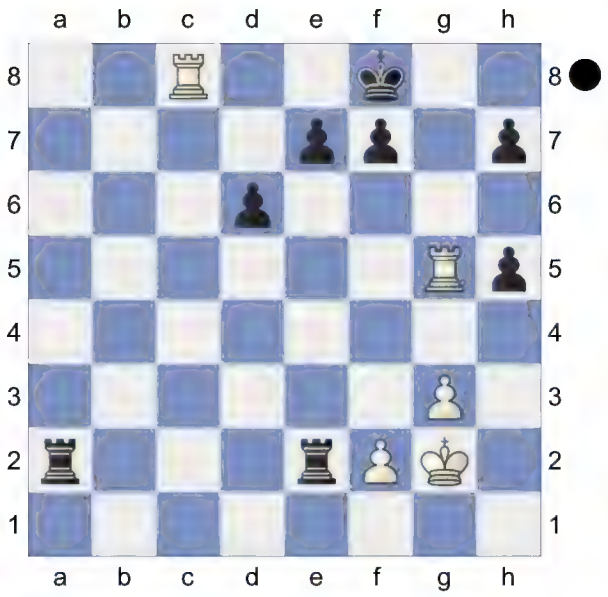


36.Kg2 Intending Rg5+ and mate.
36...Raa2?? #2/15
[36...Kg7-+ -2.92/19 37.Rxh5 Kg6]



37.Rg5+ Kf8 Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.41
38.Rc8#

(Diagram)



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95 **A26**
□ **Langenberg,Christ Van Den** **2369**
■ **Tazelaar,HJA** **2480**
corr NLD-ch25 1995
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.e4 d6

(Diagram)

6.d3 f5 7.Nge2 fxe4
[7...Nf6 8.Nd5 0-0 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Qd2 Qd7 11.0-0 Nh5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.b4 Rae8 14.b5 Nd8 15.Bxd8 Rxd8 16.Nb4 Rb8 17.Qe3 Bh3 18.Rab1 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 c6 20.Qxa7 cxb5 21.cxb5 Qxb5 22.Qe3 ½-½ (64) McShane,L (2628)-Rowson,J (2579) BCF-chT1a 0910 (4NCL) 2009 (4.3)]
8.dxe4 Nf6 9.0-0 White is slightly better. **9...0-0 10.Nd5N**
[10.Rb1 Be6 11.Nd5 Qd7 12.b4 Ne7 13.Qd3 Nexd5 14.cxd5 Bh3 15.Bg5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qg4 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.f3 Qd7 19.b5 Rf7 20.Rfc1 Raf8 21.Ng1 Bh6 22.Rc3 Bg5 23.Ra3 Ra8 24.Nh3 Bh6 ½-½ (62) Bouterweck,P (2013)-Namyslo,H (2537) corr 23.DFM/Endrunde 1995 25.Rbb3 Qd8 26.Ra4 Qe8 27.Qc4 Kg7 28.Rba3 Qb8 29.Nf2 Kh8 30.Qc3 Kg8 31.Ng4 Bg5 32.Nf2 h5 33.Qb2 Bh6 34.Nd3 g5 35.Nf2 Kh7 36.Qe2 Kg6 37.Nd1 Bg7 38.Ne3 h4 39.g4 Bf6 1-0 (62) Johannsson,I (2360)-Sokolov,A (2332) Lewisham 1981 40.h3 a6 41.bxa6 Ra7 42.Rb4

b6 43.Rbb3 Qe8 44.Qc4 Qd7 45.Nc2 Rf8 46.Nb4 Qf7 47.Nc6 Raa8 48.a7 Kh7 49.Qc1 Kg6 50.Kf2 Rfc8 51.Ke2 Kh7 52.Rb2 Kg6 53.Rab3 Bg7 54.a4 Rf8 1-0 (62) Bourquin,P (2360)-Johansen,J (2332) IECG WC.2002.S.00004 email 2000]

10...Be6

11.Bg5 Qd7 12.Qd2 Rf7 13.Rad1 Raf8 14.c5 Ne8 0.69/17

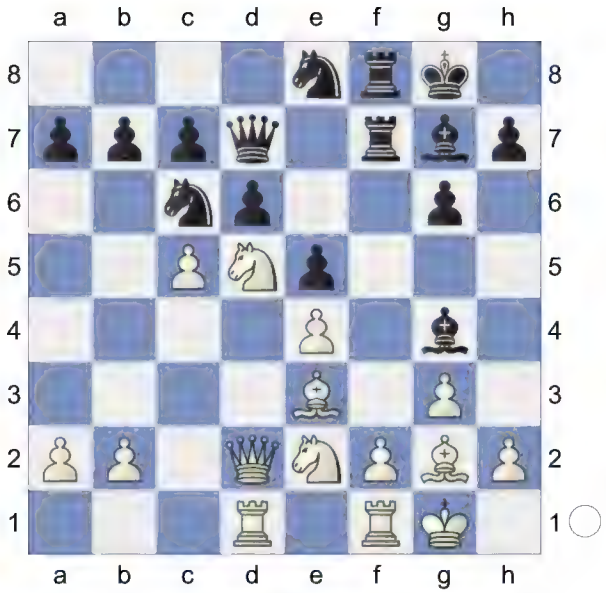
[⌓14...Ng4 0.33/19]

15.Be3 0.33/19

[15.b4 0.69/17 feels stronger.]

15...Bg4±

(Diagram)



16.Rc1 Bf3 0.92/20

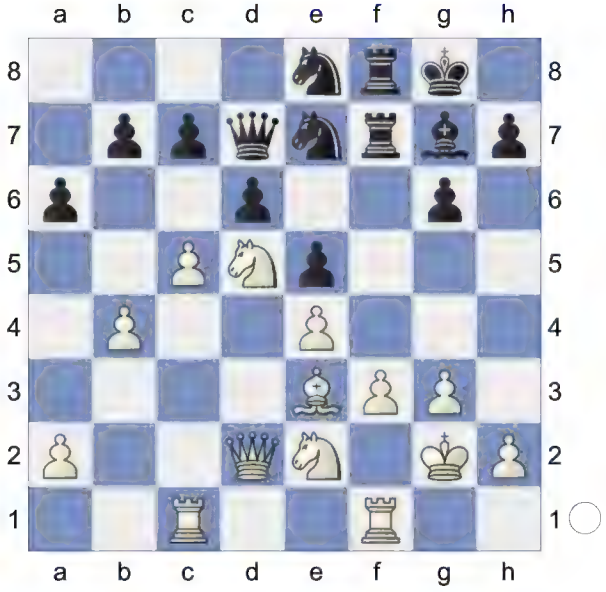
[Better is 16...Nd8± 0.31/18]

17.Bxf3± Rxf3 18.Kg2 R3f7 19.f3 Prevents Qg4. Active counter play!

19...a6 1.33/16

[19...Nd8!± 0.67/18]

20.b4 Ne7

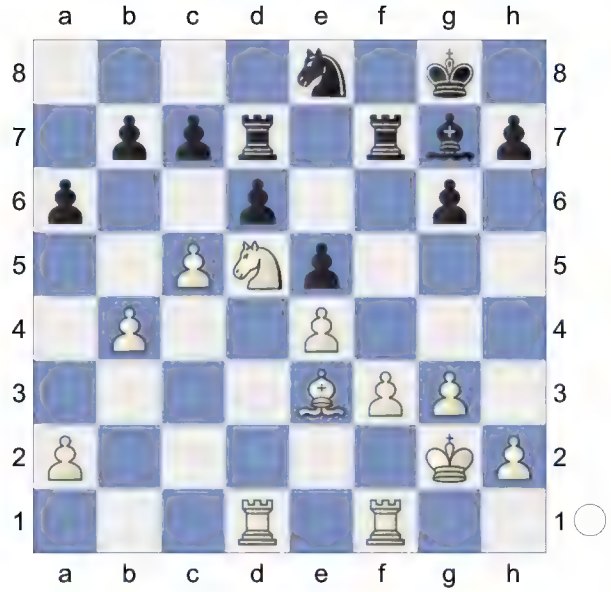


21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.Rcd1 1.02/19

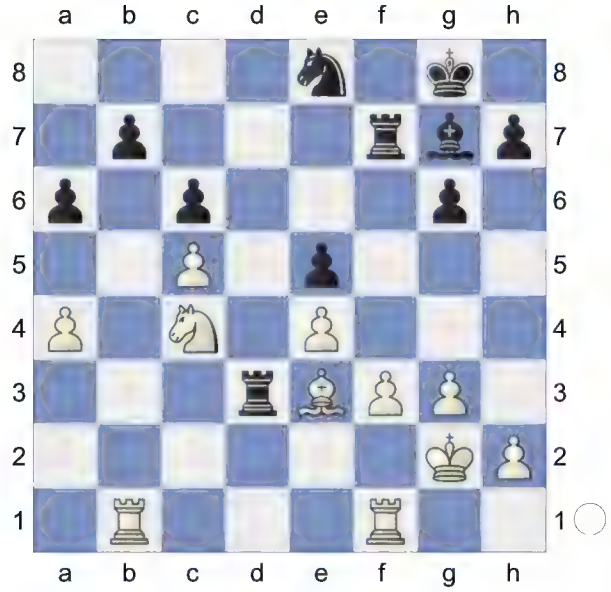
[White should try 22.c6+- 1.63/19 b5 23.Nc3]

22...Qe6 23.Nc3 Rd7 24.Qd5 Qxd5 25.Nxd5 Rff7 1.15/21

[25...Nf6± 0.70/21]

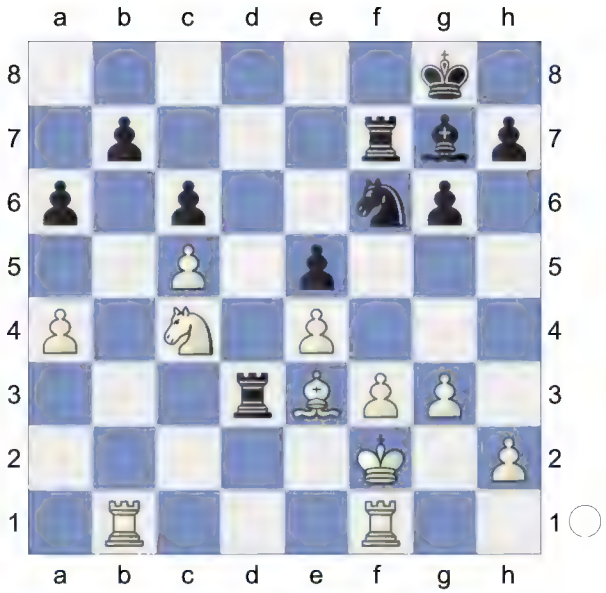


26.a4 dxc5 1.76/21
[26...Nf6± 1.07/18]
27.bxc5+- Bf8 28.Rb1 c6 29.Nb6 Rd3 30.Nc4 Bg7



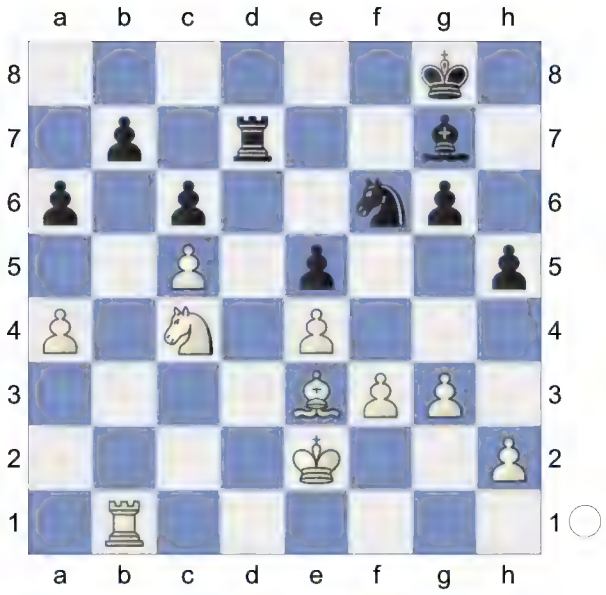
31.Kf2 Nf6 3.19/19
[⌓31...Nc7 2.02/18 32.Rxb7 Ne6 33.Rb8+ Rf8 34.Rxf8+ *(34.Rfb1 Rc3+-)* 34...Kxf8]

(Diagram)



32.Ke2!
[32.Nxe5 Nxe4+ 33.Ke2 Rdd7 34.Nxf7 *(34.Nxd7 Nc3+ 35.Kf2 Nxb1±)* 34...Nc3+ 35.Kf2 Nxb1=]
32...Rc3 33.Rfc1
[33.Nxe5 Re7±]
33...Rxc1 34.Bxc1 Nd6! is the strong threat.
[Don't do 34.Rxc1 Rc7 35.Rb1 *(35.Nxe5 Nxe4 36.fxe4 Bxe5±)* 35...Nd7]
34...Rd7 35.Be3
[35.Nxe5 Nxe4 36.Nxd7 Nc3+ 37.Kd3 Nxb1±]
35...h5

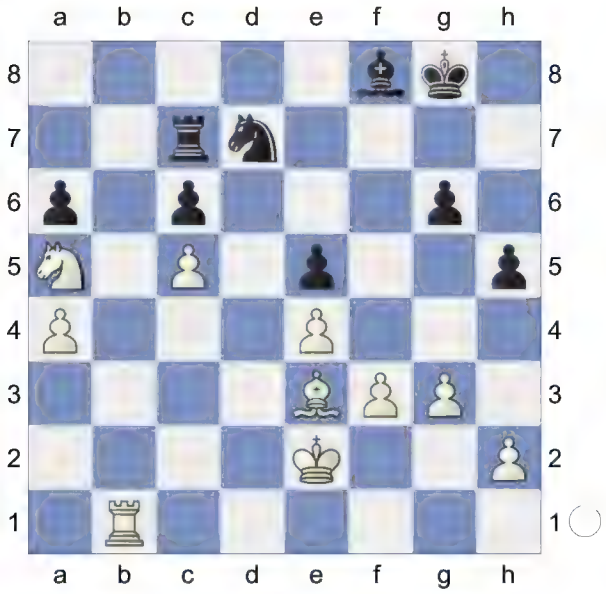
(Diagram)



36.Na5

[Less strong is 36.Nxe5 Nxe4 37.Nxd7 Nc3+ 38.Kd3 Nxb1±]

36...Bf8 37.Nxb7 Rc7 38.Na5 Nd7



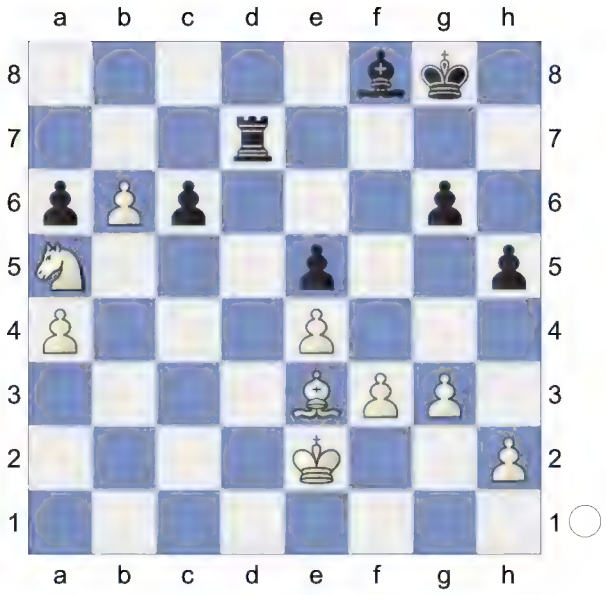
39.Rb6! Nxb6

[39...Bxc5 40.Rxa6]

40.cxb6 White is clearly winning.

40...Rd7

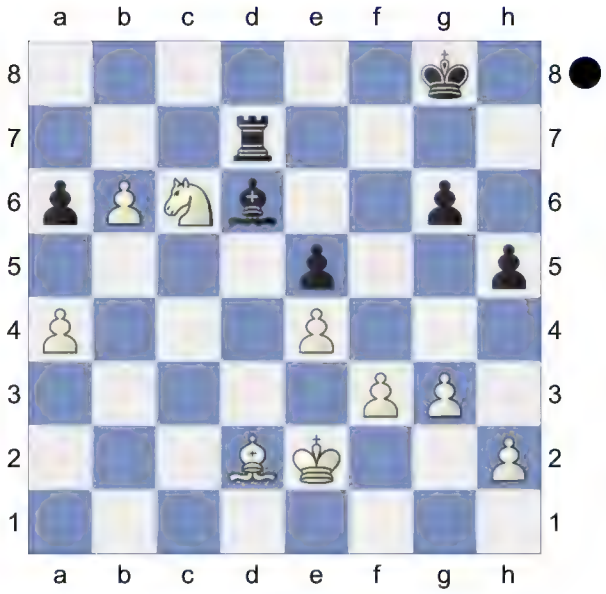
(Diagram)



41.Nxc6 Bd6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)

42.Bd2



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96 **A36**
□ **Kerr,Stephen** **2362**
■ **Booth,Stewart** **2304**
AUS-ch25 corr 2003
[Kerr]

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 c5 5.d3 Nc6

6.Bg5!?

h6 7.Bd2

[7.Bxf6!? Bxf6 8.Qd2 Kf8 9.h4 Kg7 is a suggestion of GM Kosten and to the best of my knowledge has never been played?]

7...d6 8.e4 Ne5 9.Bc1

[9.f4 Nxd3+ 10.Ke2 Ng4 11.Nh3 Nb4 12.a3 Nc6∓]

9...g5

[9...Bg4 10.f3 Bd7 11.Nge2]

10.f4!? Diagram

[10.h4 g4 11.Be3 *(11.Nge2)* 11...Qb6∓]

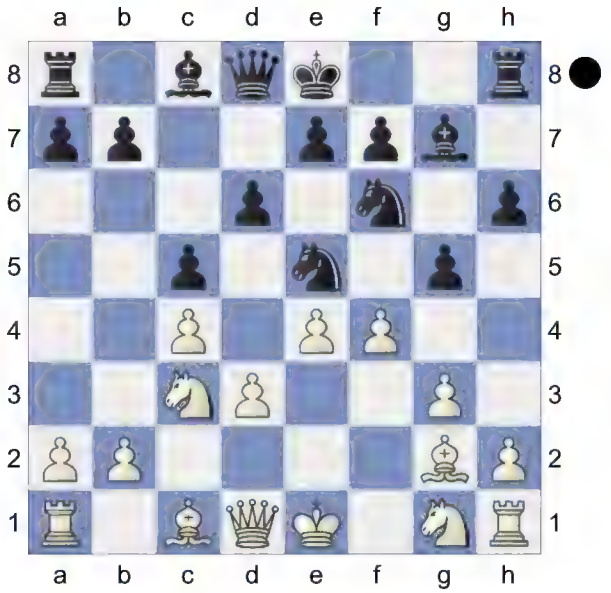
[10.Nge2

A) 10...Bg4 11.f4 *(11.0-0 Bf3 12.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 13.Kg2 g4 14.Ng1 Nd4 15.Be3 0-0 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.Nb5)* 11...gxf4 12.gxf4 Ng6;

B) 10...g4 11.Nf4 h5]

[10.h3 0-0]

[10.f3 0-0 11.Nge2 a6 12.Be3 b5∓]



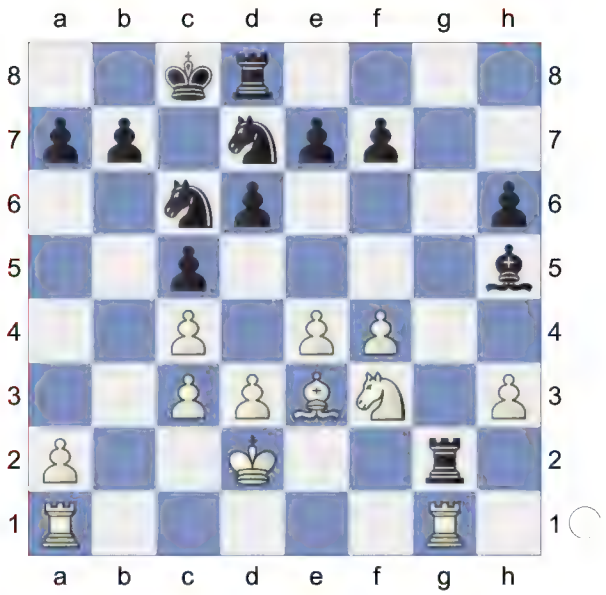
10...gxf4

(Diagram)

11.gxf4 Nc6
[11...Bg4 12.Nge2 *(12.Nf3!? Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 h5 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3±)* 12...Nf3+ *(12...Ng6 13.h3 Bd7 14.Be3 Qb6 15.Qd2 Nh4 16.Rg1!?±)* 13.Bxf3 Bxf3 14.Rf1 Bh5]
[11...Ng6]
[11...Ned7 12.Nf3±]
12.Nf3
[12.Nge2!?]
12...Bg4
[12...Rg8!? 13.h3 *(13.f5!?)* 13...Nd4 14.Rg1 Qb6 15.e5!? dxe5 16.fxe5 Nd7 17.Nd5 Qg6 18.Bf4 Nxf3+ 19.Qxf3±]
13.Be3 Rg8
[13...Qb6 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Rf1 0-0-0 16.Bxd4 cxd4 17.Ne2]
14.Qd2 Nd7 15.h3 Bh5

(Diagram)

16.Rg1!?
[16.f5 Nde5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Rg1 Qa5∓]
[16.0-0-0 Qa5]
16...Qa5 17.Nd5 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 0-0-0 19.Nc3
[19.Rab1!? e6 *(19...Bh8 20.a3)* 20.Nc3 Bxc3+ *(20...Nd4 21.Bxd4 Bxd4 22.Nxd4 cxd4 23.Nb5!?)* 21.bxc3 Rxg2+ 22.Rxg2 Bxf3 23.Rg7± f5 24.exf5 exf5 25.Rbg1±]
19...Bxc3+ 20.bxc3 Rxg2+



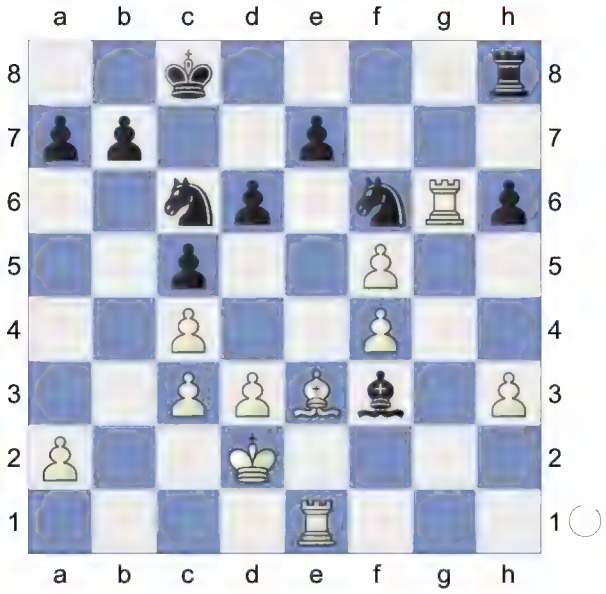
21.Rxg2 Bxf3 22.Rg7 f5

[22...Nf6 23.Rag1 Rf8 24.Bf2!? Nh5 25.Rg8 Rxg8 26.Rxg8+ Kd7 27.Ke3 Bd1 28.Rh8 e5 29.fxe5 Nxe5 30.Rxh6 Ng6]

23.exf5 Nf6

[23...Rf8 24.Rh7 Rf6 25.Rg1]

24.Re1 Rf8 25.Rg6 Rh8



26.Bf2 Bh5 27.Rg7 Be8!?

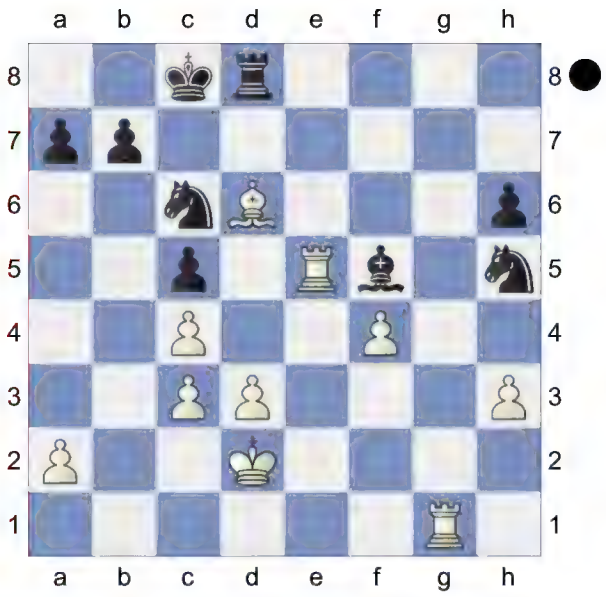
[27...Ne8 28.Rg2]

[27...Rf8 28.Bh4 Be8 29.Bxf6 Rxf6 30.d4!? cxd4 31.cxd4 Kd8 32.Kd3 Rxf5 33.d5 Nb4+ 34.Kc3 Na6 35.Rgxe7 Bd7 36.Rh7 Rxf4 37.Rxh6 Nc5]

28.Bh4 Nh5 29.Rg4!?

[29.Rgg1 Bd7 30.Bxe7 Bxf5 31.Bxd6 Rd8 32.Re5!? Diagram

(Diagram)



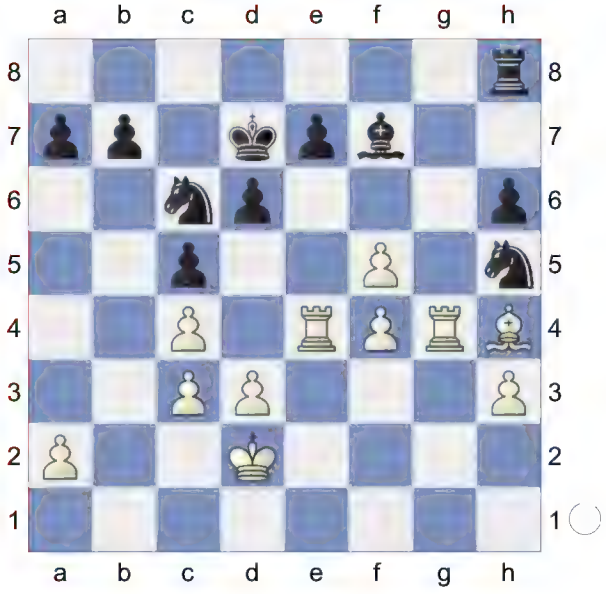
Nxe5 33.fxe5 b6 *(33...Bxh3 34.Bxc5 Bf5 35.d4 b6 36.Bd6)* 34.d4 Bxh3 35.d5 *(35.Rh1 Bg4 36.Rg1 Rg8)* 35...Bf5 36.Be7 Rh8]

[29.Bxe7 Nxg7 30.Bf6 Rg8 31.Bxg7 Bf7 32.f6]

29...Kd7

[29...Bd7 30.Bxe7 Nxe7 31.Rxe7 Kd8 *(31...Bxf5 32.Rh4±)* 32.Re1 Bxf5 33.Rh4 Nf6]

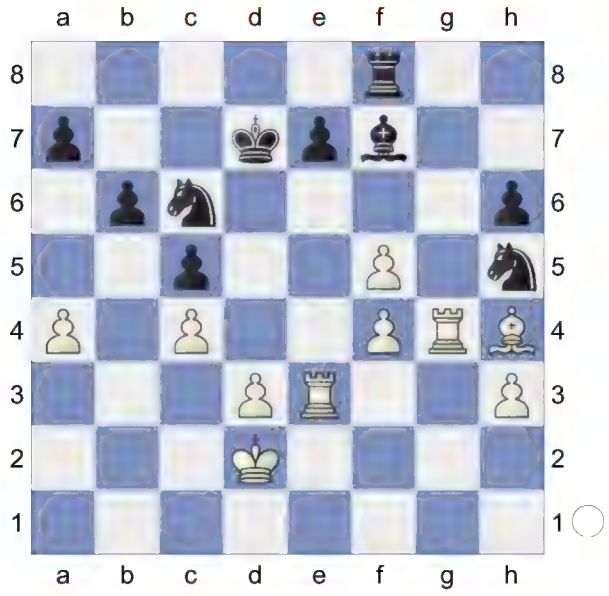
30.Re4 Bf7



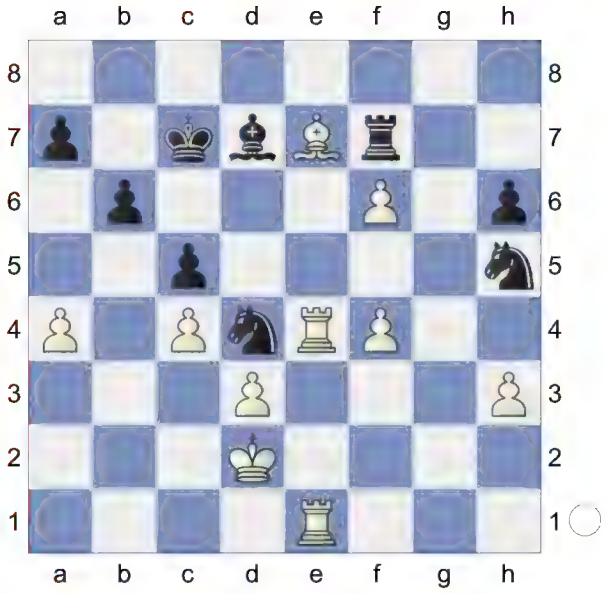
31.Re1

[31.Re2]

31...Rf8 32.a4
[32.Rb1 b6 33.Rf1 Be8 34.f6 Nxf6 35.Rgg1 Nh5 36.f5]
[32.d4]
32...b6
[32...Be8 33.d4 cxd4 34.cxd4 Nxd4 35.Rxe7+]
[32...d5 33.cxd5 *(33.f6!? exf6 34.cxd5 Bxd5 35.Bf2 b6 36.a5 Nxa5 37.Rh4 Bf7)* 33...Bxd5 34.Bf2 b6]
33.Re3
[33.Rf1]
33...d5
[33...Bg8 34.f6!?]
34.cxd5 Bxd5 35.c4!?
[35.f6 Nxf6 36.Rg6 h5]
35...Bf7

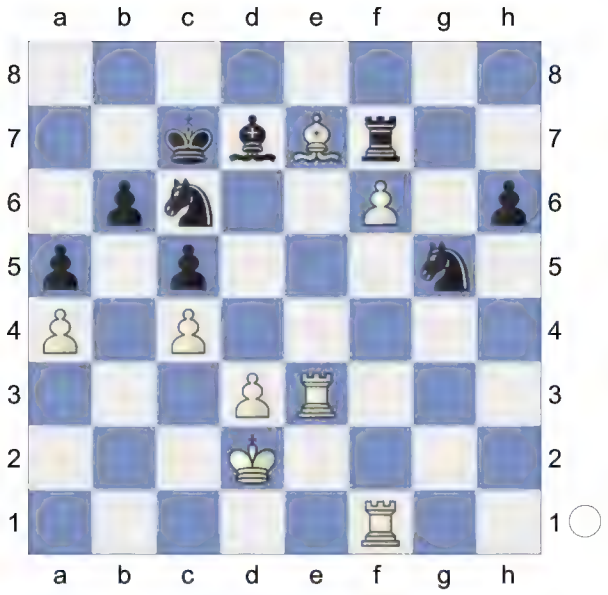


36.Rg1 Be8 37.Rge1
[37.f6!? Nxf6 38.Rge1 Ng8 39.Bg3 Nd4]
37...Rf7
[37...Nxf4 38.Rxe7+!? Nxe7 39.Rxe7+ Kc8 40.Rxa7 Bc6 41.f6 *(41.a5 bxa5 42.Rxa5 Rxf5 43.d4 Ng2 44.d5 Nxh4 45.Rxc5 Rf6 46.dxc6)*]
38.Re4 Kc7 39.Bxe7 Bd7 40.f6
[40.Bh4]
40...Nd4



41.Kc3 a5 42.Re5 Nxf4
[42...Nf3 43.R1e3 Nxe5 44.fxe5 Nf4 45.d4 cxd4+ 46.Kxd4]
[42...Nxf6 43.Bxc5 bxc5 44.Rxc5+ Nc6 45.d4 Kd6 46.Rb5 Rg7 47.Re3 Rg3 48.Rxg3 Ne4+ 49.Kb2 Nxg3 50.d5 Nb4 51.Rxa5 Nd3+ 52.Ka3 Ne4 53.Ra6+ Kc5 54.Ra7]
43.Rf1
[43.Bxc5 bxc5 44.Rxc5+ Nc6 45.d4 Kd6 46.Rb5 Rxf6 47.d5 Ng2 48.dxc6 Rf3+ 49.Kd4 Nxe1 50.cxd7 Rd3+ 51.Ke4 Kxd7]
43...Nc6 44.Re3 Nxh3 45.Kd2 Ng5

(Diagram)



46.Rh1 Nd4 47.Kc3 Nf5 48.Re5 Nf3 49.Rd5 Ne3

[49...N3d4 50.Re5 Nxe7 51.Rxe7 Rxf6 52.Rh2 Nf3 53.Rh1 Ng5 54.Rg7]

50.Rdh5

[50.Rhh5 Nf5 51.Rxd7+]

50...Nf5

51.Rf1 N3d4

[51...Ne5]

52.Re1 Nd6

(Diagram)

Game concluded 28th Jan 2005

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97	**A26**
□ **Matt Artur**	**2356**
■ **Hagenbach,Theo**	**2360**
corr BdF-Jub40M-p34	1987

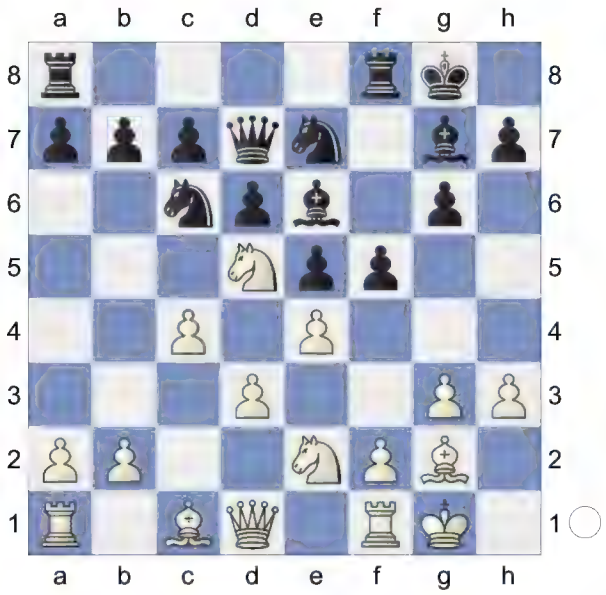
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1990/91 **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6**

(Diagram)

6.e4 Nge7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 f5 9.h3 Be6 10.Nd5 Qd7



11.Kh2! The position is equal. **11...Rf7 12.f4N**

[12.Be3 Raf8 13.Qd2 Nc8 14.exf5 Rxf5 15.g4 R5f7 16.Ng3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.Rfe1 c6 19.Nb4 Be5 20.Re4 Rf4 21.Kg1 Rxe4 22.Nxe4 Bf4 23.Qe2 c5 24.Nc2 Kg7 25.Re1 Bg8 26.g5 Qf5 ½-½ (40) Jonas,M-Schwarzmeier,J FRG jub40 fin2 corr9092 1990 27.h4 b5 28.b3 bxc4 29.bxc4 Nb6 30.Nf6 Be5 31.Ng4 Na4 32.Nxe5 Nc3 33.Qf3 dxe5 34.Qxf5 Rxf5 35.f3 h6 36.gxh6+ Kxh6 37.Kf2 e4 38.dxe4 Rh5 39.Bf1 Rxh4 40.Kg2 Be6 ½-½ Jonas,M-Schwarzmeier,J 40 Jahre BdF/H-Kl/Endr 1991]

12...Raf8 13.Bd2 -0.44/20

[13.Be3= -0.08/18 Nd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Bd2 Nc8 16.Qf3 c6 17.b3 A 26/03 2000]

13...Nd4 0.46/19

[13...exf4∓ -0.44/20 14.Bxf4 h6 *(14...Bxb2 15.Rb1±)*]

14.Nxe7+ Rxe7 15.Nxd4 exd4

16.e5 c5 17.b4 0.01/21

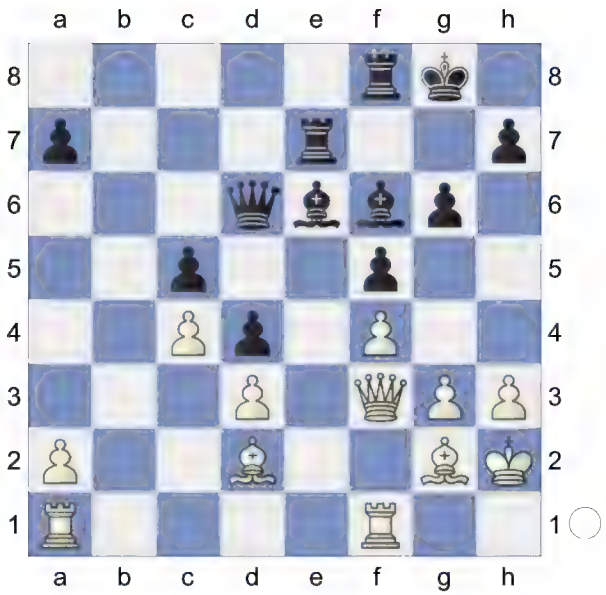
[17.exd6± 0.41/21 Qxd6 18.b4]

17...b6 0.44/21

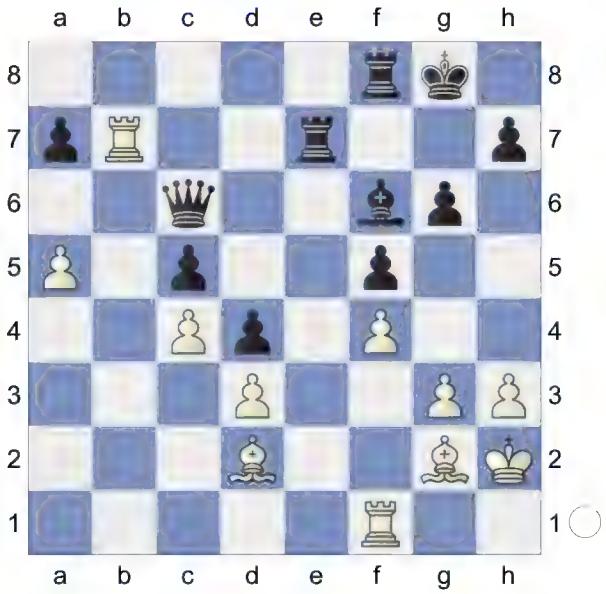
[17...dxe5= 0.01/21 was preferable. 18.fxe5 b6 *(18...Bxe5 19.bxc5 Qc7 20.Qf3=)* 19.bxc5 bxc5]

18.exd6± Qxd6 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Qf3 Bf6

(Diagram)

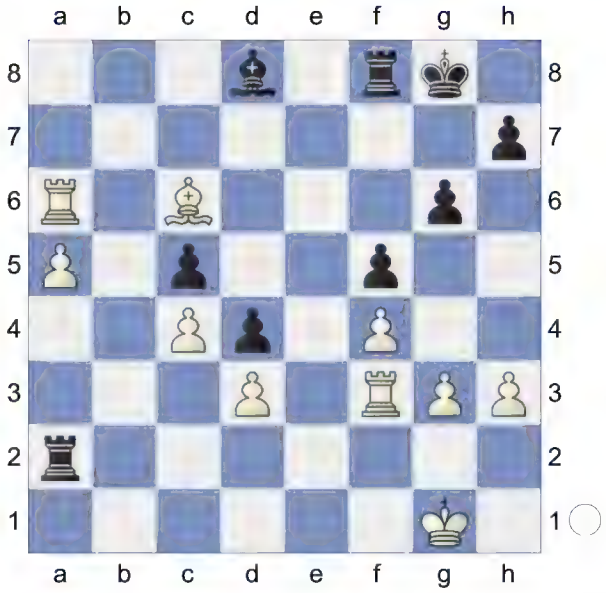


21.Rab1 Bf7 22.a4 Be8 1.30/21
[22...Rfe8± 0.55/19]
23.a5 0.91/21
[⌓23.Rfe1 1.30/21]
23...Ba4± 24.Rb7 0.49/19
[24.Qd5+± 0.91/21 Qxd5 25.Bxd5+ Kg7 26.Rb2]
24...Bc6? 2.57/21 **25.Qxc6+- Qxc6**

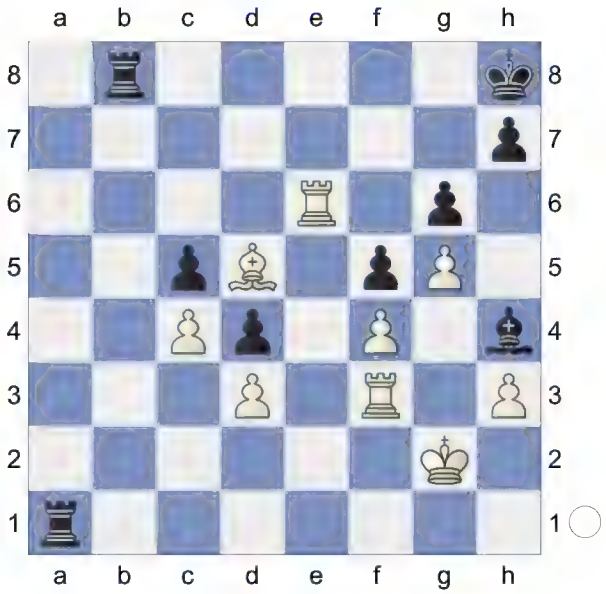


26.Bxc6 Re2+ 27.Kg1 Rxd2 28.Rf3 0.22/22
[28.Rxa7 Rxd3 29.Kg2 *(29.Bd5+ Kh8±)* 29...Rb3+-]
[28.Rfb1+- 3.86/24]

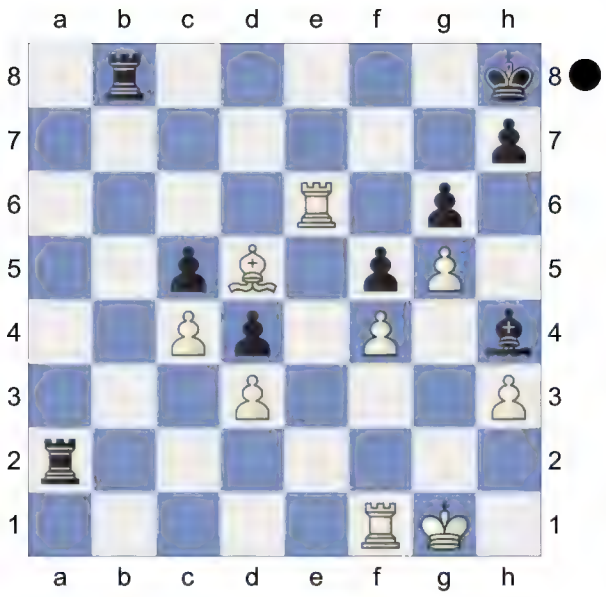
28...a6!= 29.Rb6
[29.Ra7!?]
29...Ra2 30.Rxa6 Threatens to win with Rf2. **30...Bd8**



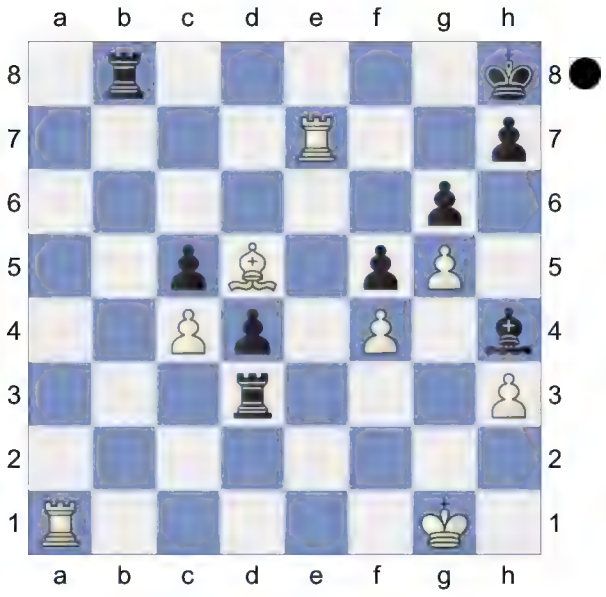
31.g4 Rxa5 32.Bd5+ Kh8 33.Re6 Ra1+ 34.Kg2 Bh4 35.g5 -1.24/26
[35.Rf1= -0.21/23 Rxf1 36.Kxf1]
35...Rb8



(-> ...Rb2+) 36.Rf1 Ra2+
[36...Rb2+?! 37.Kg1 Bf2+ 38.Kg2 Be3+ 39.Kg3=]
37.Kg1
(Diagram)



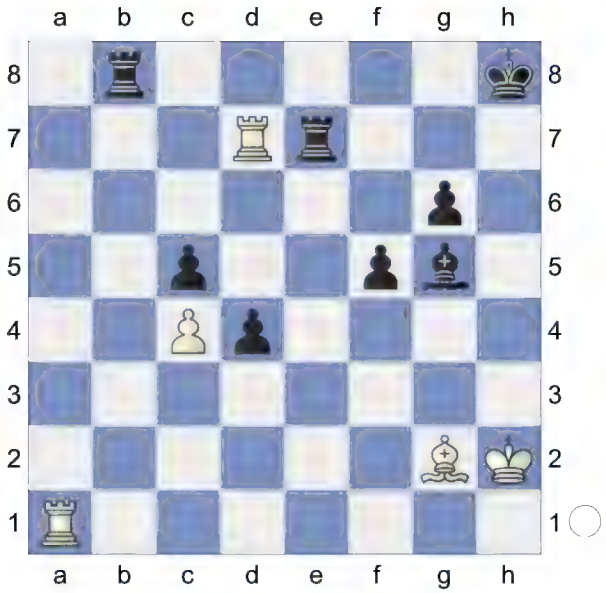
Rd2 -0.02/23 Black is more active.
[37...Bg3!∓ -1.05/21 Threatens to win with ...Bh2+. 38.Bg2 Rd2]
38.Ra1 Rxd3 39.Re7 -1.45/20
[39.Rb6!= -0.21/20 was the only way to keep the balance. Rd1+ *(39...Rxb6 40.Ra8+; 39...Rg3+ 40.Kf1=)* 40.Kg2 Rd2+ *(40...Rxb6 41.Ra8+)* 41.Kh1]



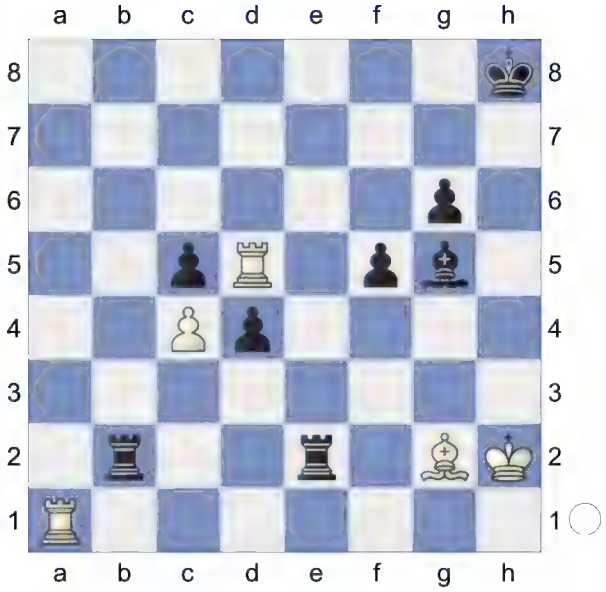
39...Bg3!∓
[39...Rxh3?! 40.Rb7 Re8 41.Bg2=]
40.h4 -2.56/20
[40.Bg2∓ -1.49/19 is a better defense.]
40...Bxf4-+

41.Bg2 Re3 42.Rd7 Re2 43.h5? -4.04/21
[43.Kf1 -1.97/17 Rc2 44.Ra8 Rxa8 *(44...Rxc4 45.Rxb8+* Remove Defender *Bxb8 46.Bd5=)* 45.Bxa8]
43...Bxg5
[Don't take 43...gxh5 44.Bf1 Re3 45.Raa7 Rg3+ *(45...Bxg5?* is the wrong capture. *46.Rxh7+ Kg8 47.Rag7+ Kf8 48.Rxg5+-)* 46.Kh1 Rxg5 *(46...Bxg5 47.Rxh7+ Kg8 48.Bg2=)* 47.Rxh7+ Kg8 48.Rhb7-+]
44.hxg6 hxg6 Black is clearly winning.
45.Kh2 Re7

(Diagram)



46.Rd5 Rb2 47.Kg3 Re3+ 48.Kh2
Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.29 (precise)
48...Ree2



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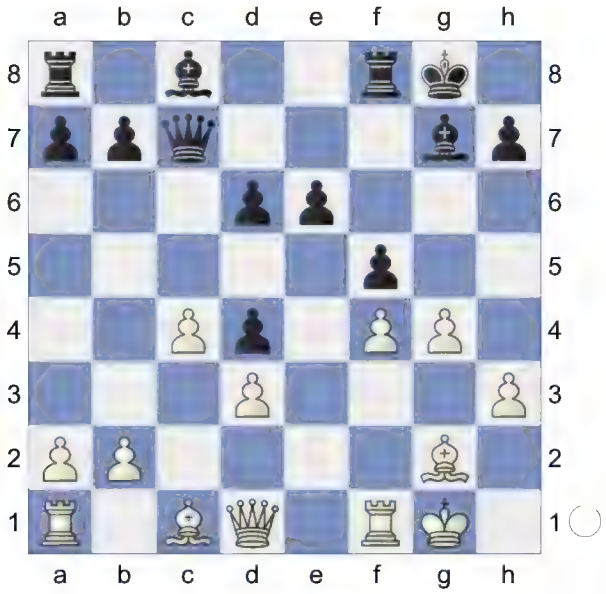
98 **A36**
□ **Otte,Harro** **2335**
■ **Cuno,Thomas** **2523**
corr 29.DFM/V10 1999
[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e4 d6

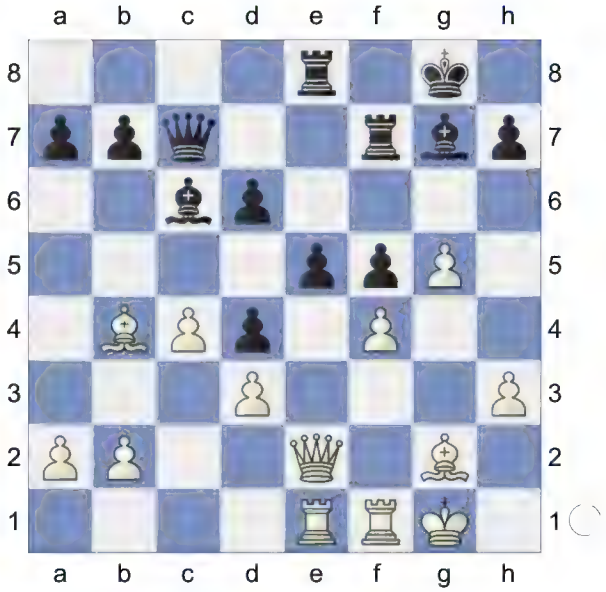
6.d3 c5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.0-0 Ne8 9.h3 Nc7 10.g4 -0.42/18
[10.Be3= 0.07/17]
10...Nd4N 0.12/18
[10...Rb8∓ -0.42/18]
[10...Bd7 11.f4 a6 12.f5 b5 13.Be3 Ne5 14.b3 e6 15.Qd2 b4 16.Na4 Bxa4 17.bxa4 Qd7 18.f6 Kh8 19.fxg7+ 1-0 Brooks,I (2478)-Berdichesky,R (2469) Pelikan mem A 1997]

(Diagram)

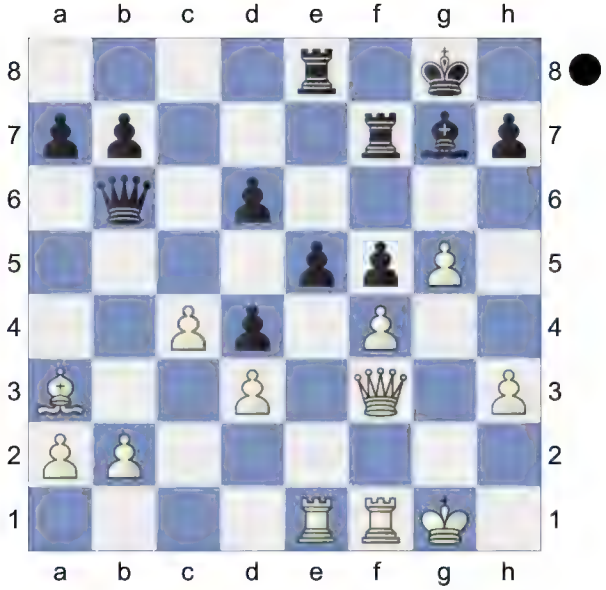
11.Nxd4= The position is equal.
11...cxd4 12.Nd5 e6 0.70/19
[12...e5= 0.22/20 feels stronger.]
13.Nxc7± Qxc7 14.f4 f5 15.exf5 gxf5



16.Bd2 Bd7 17.Qe2 Rae8 18.g5 -0.46/22
[18.Rf2± 0.51/19]
18...Bc6 -0.03/23
[18...e5∓ -0.46/22]
19.Bb4 -1.29/20
[19.Bxc6= -0.03/23 keeps the balance. Qxc6 20.a4]
19...Rf7 -0.72/21
[Better is 19...e5 -1.29/20 20.Qd2 e4]
20.Rae1 e5



21.Bf3 Bxf3 -0.18/19
[21...exf4 22.Qxe8+ Bxe8 23.Rxe8+ Rf8 24.Bd5+ Kh8 25.Rfe1±]
[21...Qb6∓ -0.75/20 White must now prevent ...Bxf3. 22.Bxc6 Qxc6]
22.Qxf3= Qb6 23.Ba3



e4! 24.dxe4 Qc6 25.e5 dxe5

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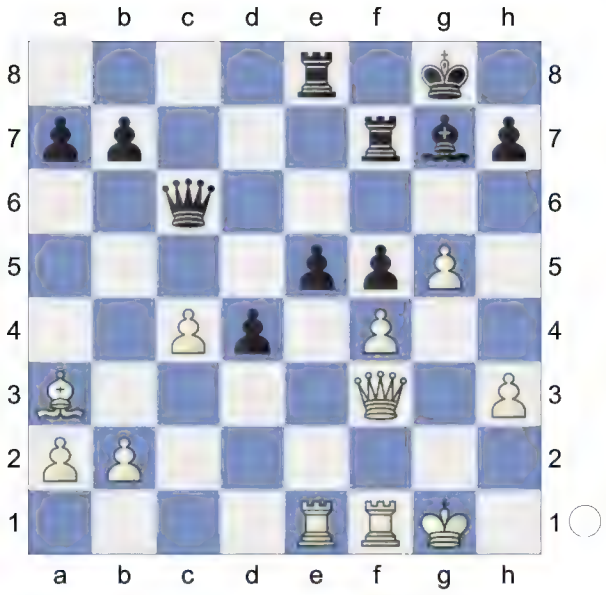
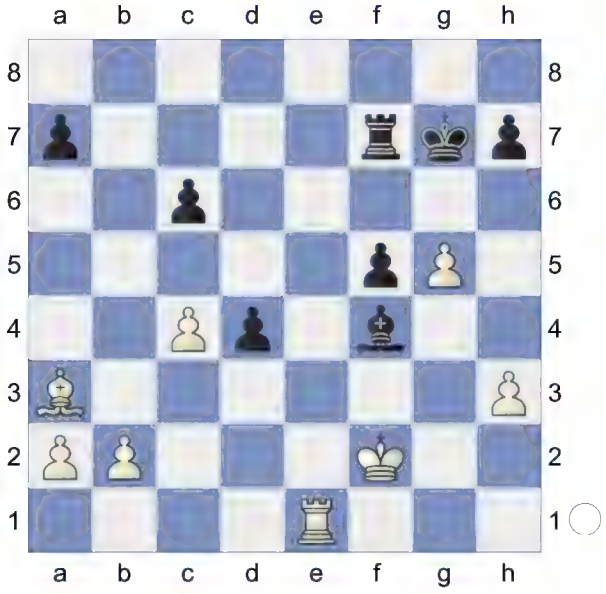
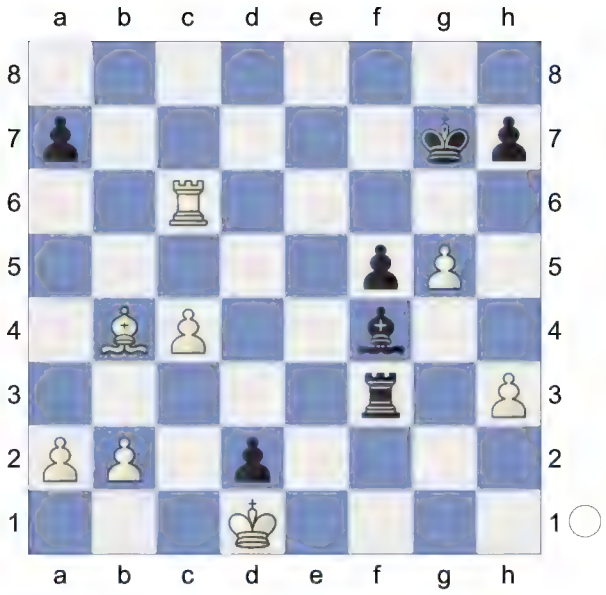


26.fxe5 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Bxe5 28.Qxc6 bxc6 Endgame KRB-KRB **29.Kf2 Kg7 30.Re1 Bf4**



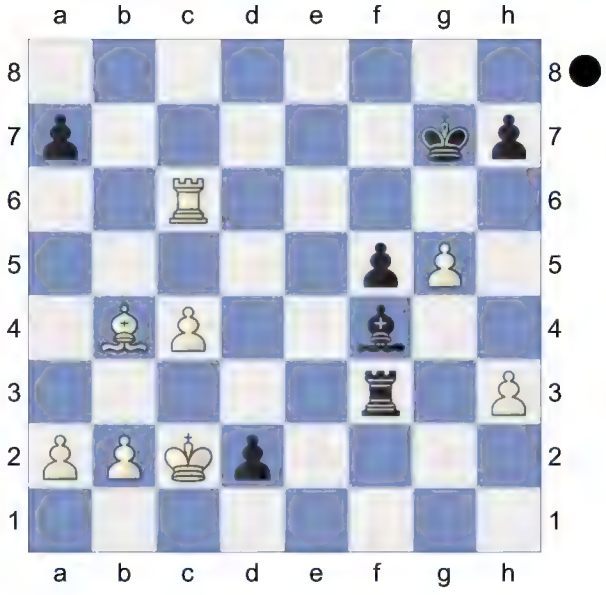
31.Re6 Rd7 32.Rxc6 d3! 33.Ke1 d2+ Black has compensation. **34.Kd1 Rd3 35.Bb4 Rf3**

(Diagram)



(-> ...Rf1+) **36.Kc2**

[36.Bxd2? perishes. Rd3 37.Kc2 Rxd2+ 38.Kc3 Rh2-+ *(38...Bxg5? 39.Rc7+ Kg6 40.Rc6+ Kh5 41.c5-+)*]



36...Rd3 Decoy, Promotion **37.Kd1** Hoping for Bc3+.

[37.Kxd3? leads to mate. d1Q+ 38.Kc3 Be5#]

[37.Bc3+ Kf7]

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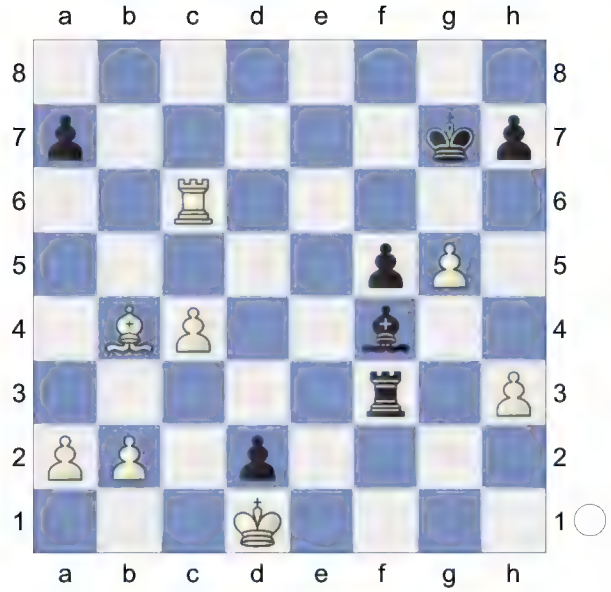
37...Rf3



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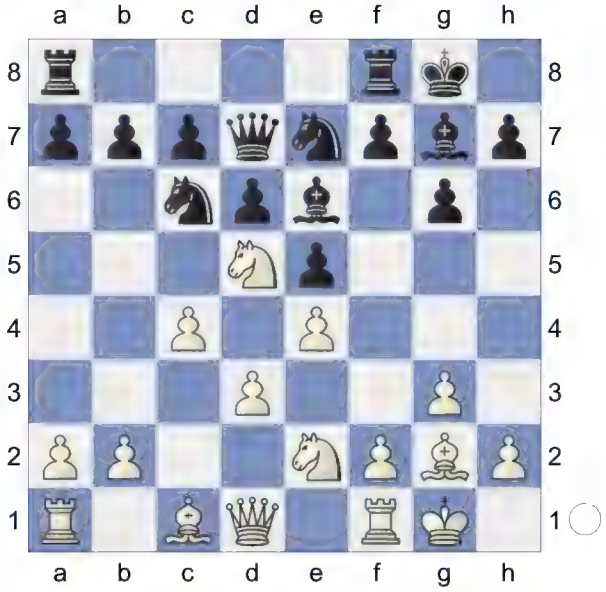
99 **A26**
□ **Alonso,Rodolfo** **2282**
■ **Petrovic,Dorde R** **2590**
corr LSS Lechenicher SchachServer
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 e5 4.Nc3 Ne7 5.d3 d6

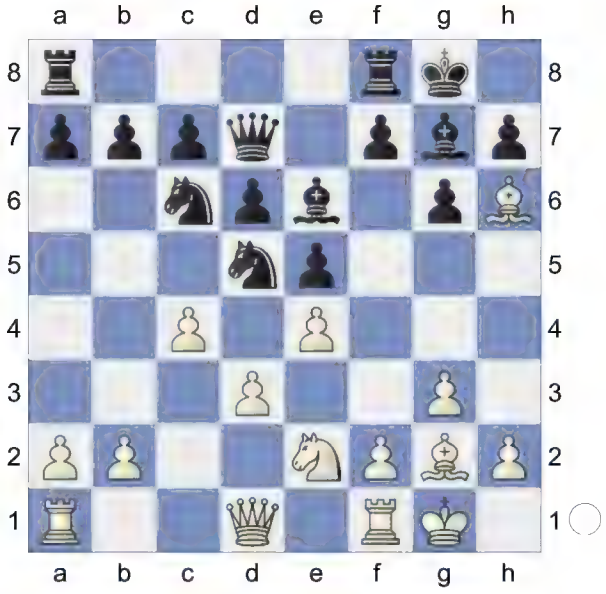
(Diagram)

6.e4 0-0 7.Nge2 Nbc6 8.0-0 Be6 9.Nd5 Qd7



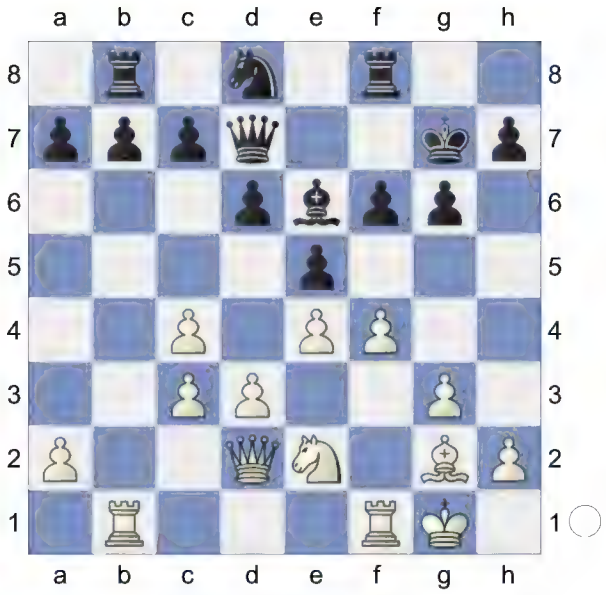
10.Bh6 0.04/18
[10.Be3 f5 11.b4 Rae8 12.b5 Nd8 13.Rc1 Rf7 14.Bxa7 Nc8 15.Be3 Bxd5 16.exd5 h6 17.Bd2 b6 18.f4 Kh7 19.Kh1 Qe7 20.Bb4 Qf6 21.fxe5 Qxe5 22.Nf4 Qb2 23.a3 Be5 24.Rc2 Qb3 1-0 (43) San Segundo Carrillo,P (2551)-Hirsch,A (2400) Wch-stud Antwerpen 1992 (5)]
10...Nxd5N
[10...f6 11.Qd2 Nd8 12.d4 Bxh6

13.Qxh6 c6 14.Ne3 Qc7 15.Rfd1 Nf7 16.Qh4 Kg7 17.f4 Rad8 18.g4 g5 19.fxg5 fxg5 20.Qg3 Ng6 21.Rd2 Qa5 22.Rc2 Nf4 23.d5 Bc8 24.dxc6 bxc6 25.Qe1 0-1 (41) 6.♗g5 ♘bd7 7.♗c4 ♕a5 -1.f4 d5 2.e3 ♘f6 3.b3 c5 11 24/173 Zalaegerszeg 1977 Qc5 26.Ng3 a5 27.Qf2 Nh6 28.Ngf5+ Bxf5 29.Nxf5+ Nxf5 30.gxf5 Nd3 31.Qxc5 dxc5 32.Bf1 Nf4 33.Re1 Rd4 34.Re3 h5 35.h3 Kf6 36.Kf2 Rfd8 37.Kf3 Rd1 38.Rf2 Rc1 39.b3 Rdd1 40.Bg2 0-1 (41) 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Bc4 Qa5-1.f4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.b3 c5 24/173 Zalaegerszeg 1977 g4+ 41.Kg3 Rg1 0-1 Sadomsky,A-Sokolsky,A USSR ch-05 6063 1960]

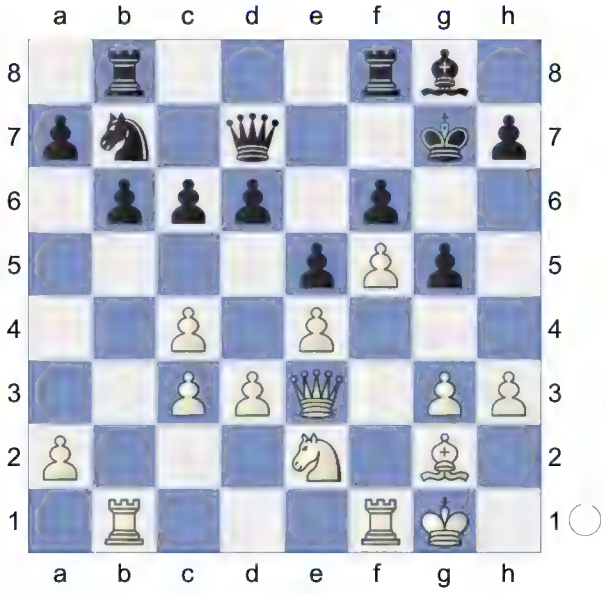


11.Bxg7 Nc3
[11...Ne3 seems wilder. 12.Qc1 Kxg7 13.Qxe3 f6]
12.bxc3 -0.27/14
[⩲12.Nxc3 0.09/23 Kxg7 13.Ne2]
12...Kxg7 13.Rb1 Rab8 14.Qd2 f6 15.f4 Nd8

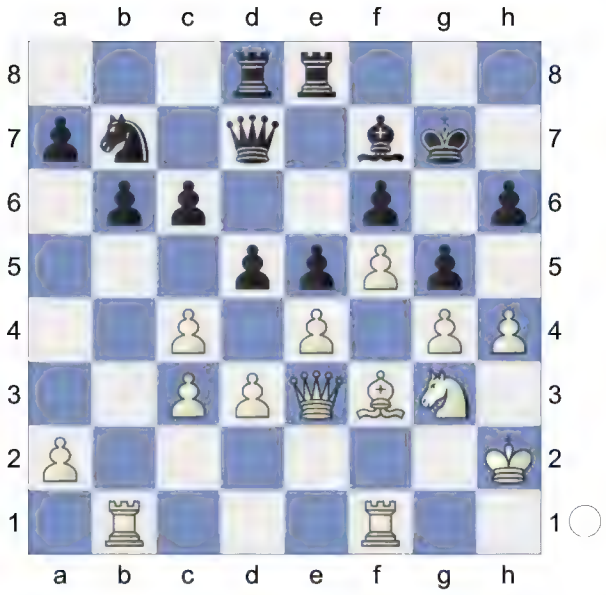
(Diagram)



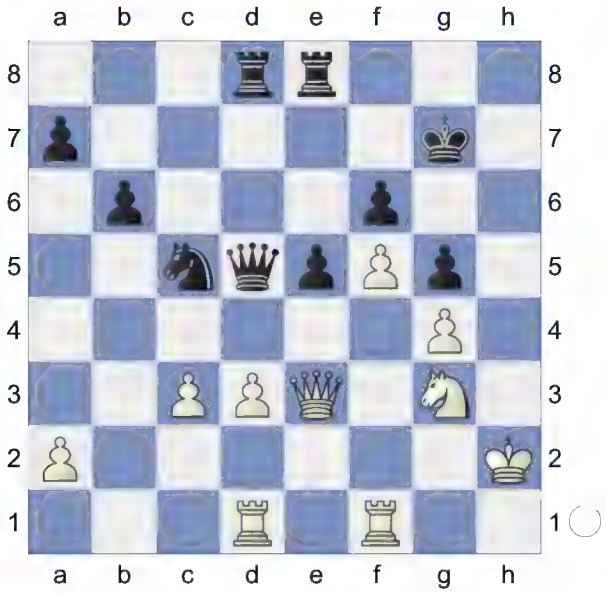
16.Qe1 -0.52/17
[16.Rf2= -0.16/21]
16...b6 17.Qf2! Bg8 18.h3 Nb7 19.Qe3 c6 0.22/18
[19...Nc5 -0.25/17]
20.f5 -0.34/17
[20.Rf2= 0.22/18]
20...g5∓



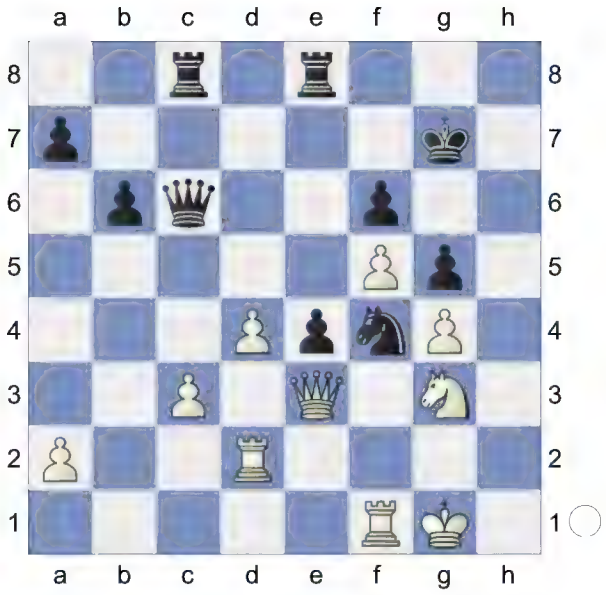
21.Kh2 -0.73/17
[21.h4 g4=]
[21.g4∓ -0.32/17 is superior.]
21...Rfe8 22.Bf3 Bf7 23.h4 h6 24.g4 Rbd8 25.Ng3 d5



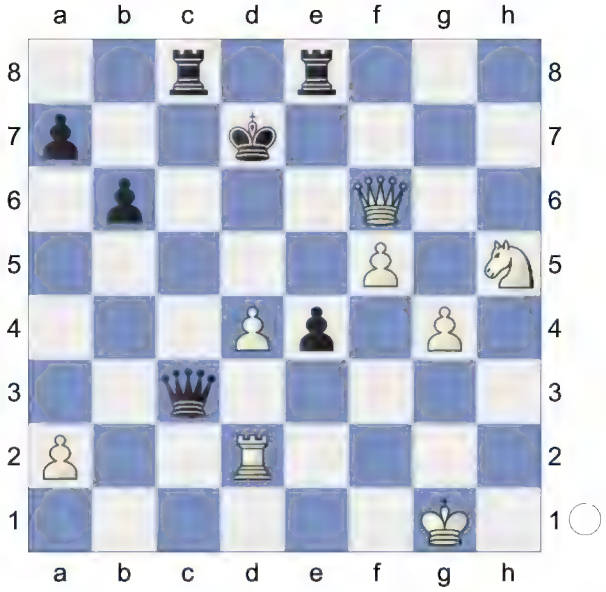
26.cxd5 cxd5 27.hxg5 -0.72/17
[27.exd5= -0.30/20 Bxd5 28.Rbd1]
27...hxg5∓ 28.exd5 Bxd5 29.Rbd1 Nc5 30.Bxd5 Qxd5



31.Rd2 e4
[31...Nxd3 32.Ne4 Rh8+ 33.Kg1±]
32.d4 Nd3 33.Kg1! Rc8! 34.Rfd1 Nf4
Black is much more active.
[34...Rxc3? 35.Rxd3 Rxd3 36.Rxd3+-]
35.Rf1 -1.11/21
[White should play 35.Rh2∓ -0.56/20]
35...Qc6

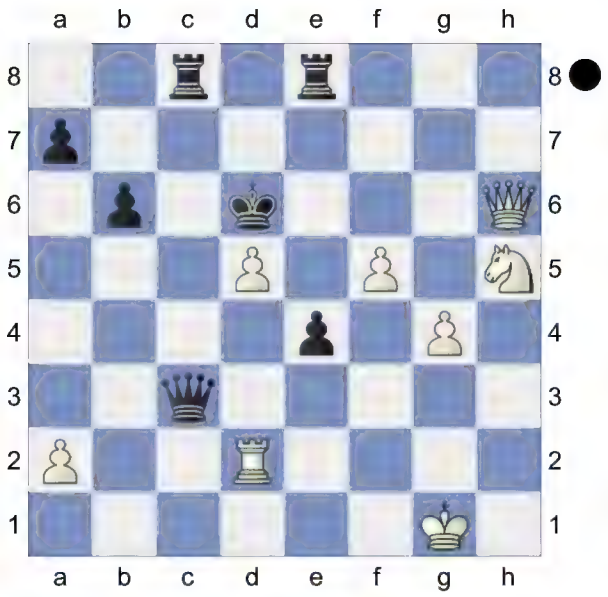


36.Rxf4 gxf4 37.Qxf4 Qxc3 38.Nh5+ Kf7 39.Qh6 Ke7 40.Qxf6+ Kd7



41.Qg7+ Kc6 42.d5+ Kd6! 43.Qh6+

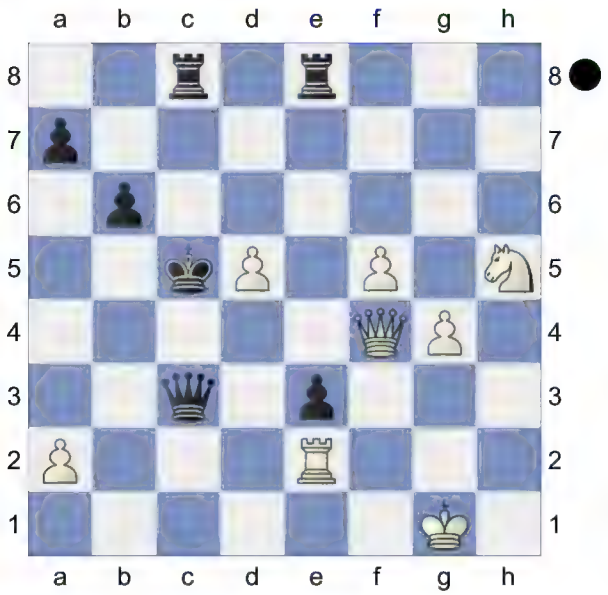
(Diagram)



Kc5! Strongly threatening ...e3. Some like it hot **44.Qf4** -2.51/18

[44.Re2∓ -1.57/18 keeps fighting.]

44...e3 45.Re2



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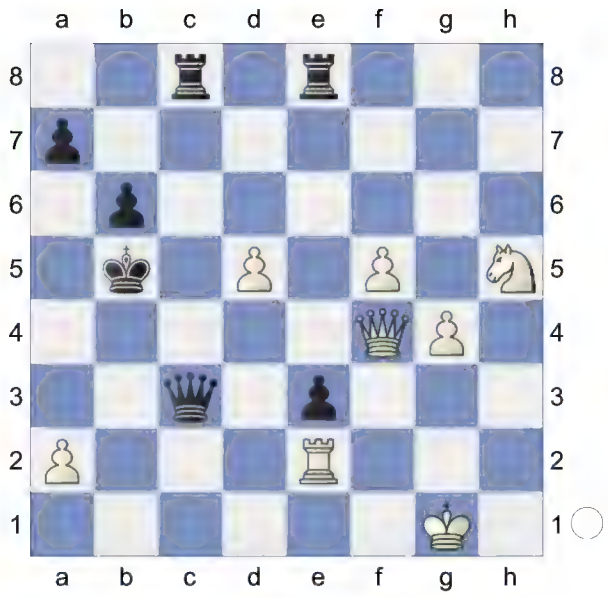
45...Kb5!

[Don't play 45...Kxd5 46.g5 Kc6 *(46...Re4 47.Qf3=)* 47.f6∓]

(Diagram)



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100 **A26**

□ **Yuk Man,Tham** **2228**

■ **Serradimigni,Robert** **2423**

corr ICCF EM/Jub50 qf10 20.10.2003

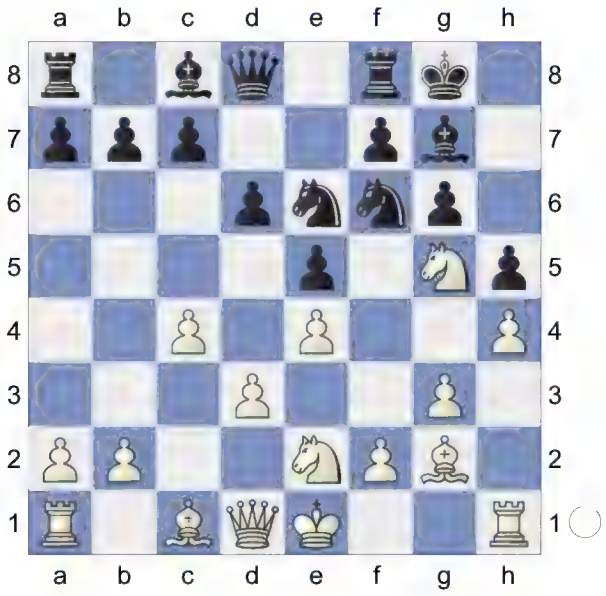
[Kitty Kat]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

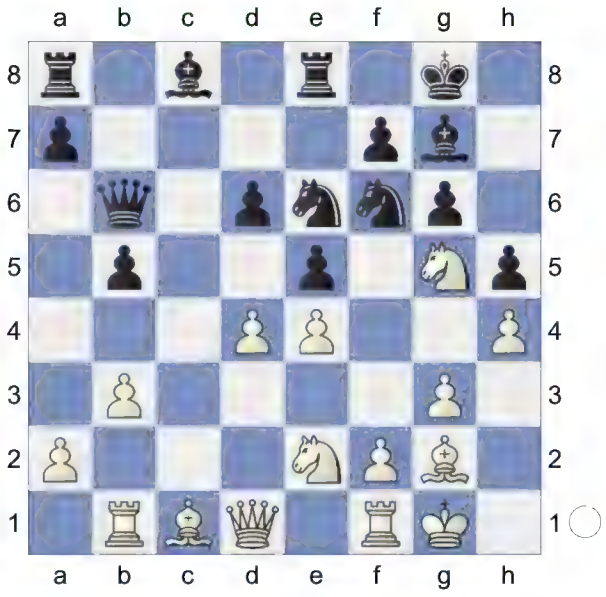
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 Nc6

(Diagram)

6.e4 h5 7.h4 Nd4 8.Nce2 Ne6 9.Nf3 Nf6 0.44/18
[9...a5= 0.05/20]
10.Ng5 -0.26/19
[10.b4!± 0.44/18]
10...0-0 0.29/18
[⌓10...a5 -0.26/19]

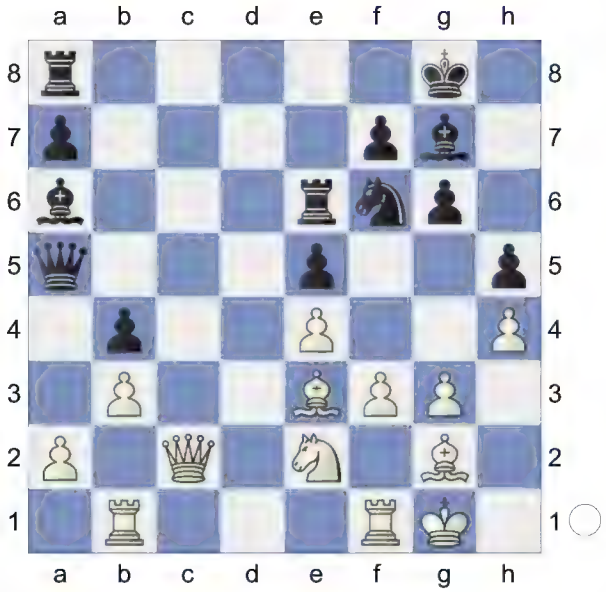


11.0-0 -0.25/18
[⌓11.b4! 0.29/18]
[11.Nxe6 Bxe6 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.0-0 Ng4 14.Nc3 c6 15.Qe2 a6 16.a4 a5 17.Bh3 Nf6 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Kg2 Nd7 20.Rad1 Rae8 21.Nd5 Nc5 22.Nc7 Qd7 23.Nxe8 Qxe8 24.Be3 Ne6 25.f4 exf4 (42) Dengler, P (2600)-Id2 (2715) Silivri 89/242 2003]
11...Re8 0.35/19
[11...a5= -0.25/18]
12.b3N -0.10/20
[12.b4± 0.35/19]
[12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 Nxg5 14.hxg5 Ng4 15.d4 f6 16.gxf6 Qxf6 17.Qe1 Chess Informant Eco Chess Informant ECO A4 2000]
[12.Nxe6 Bxe6 13.Bg5 c6 14.Qd2 Qd7 15.b3 a6 16.Rac1 b5 17.d4 bxc4 18.d5 cxd5 19.exd5 Bf5 20.Rxc4 Rec8 21.Rfc1 Qb7 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Rc6 Be7 24.R1c4 Bd7 25.Qc1 Bd8 26.Nc3 Qb8 1-0 (29) Lopez Capape,A-Froeberg,A USSR 23/278 1977]
12...c6= 13.Rb1 b5 14.cxb5 cxb5 15.d4 Qb6 0.11/22
[Black should try 15...b4∓ -0.40/19]



16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Be3 Qa5 18.Qc2 -0.48/18
[18.b4!= 0.04/20 Qxa2 19.Nc3]

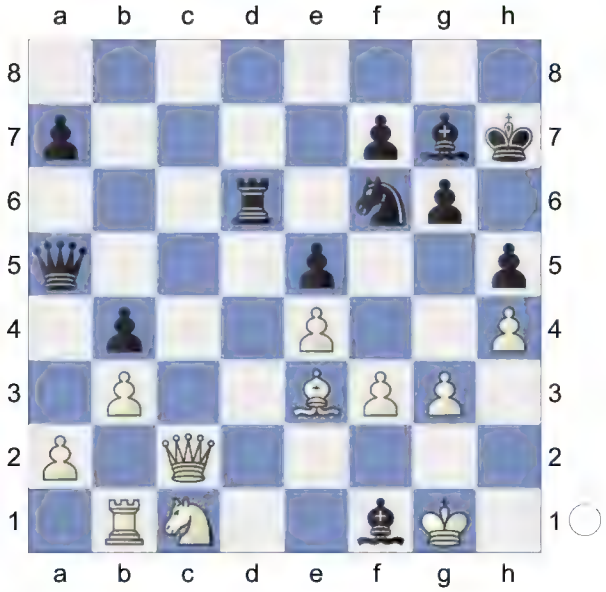
18...b4∓ 19.f3 Repels Ng4 **19...Ba6 20.Nxe6 Rxe6**



21.Bh3! Rd6 22.Rfd1 Repels Bd3 **22...Rad8 23.Rxd6 Rxd6 24.Nc1** Against Rd3

[24.Rd1 seems wilder. Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1 Qxa2 26.Nc1]

24...Kh7 25.Bf1! Bxf1



26.Kxf1 Qd8 27.Kf2 -0.76/19

[27.Rb2∓ -0.31/20 might be stronger.]

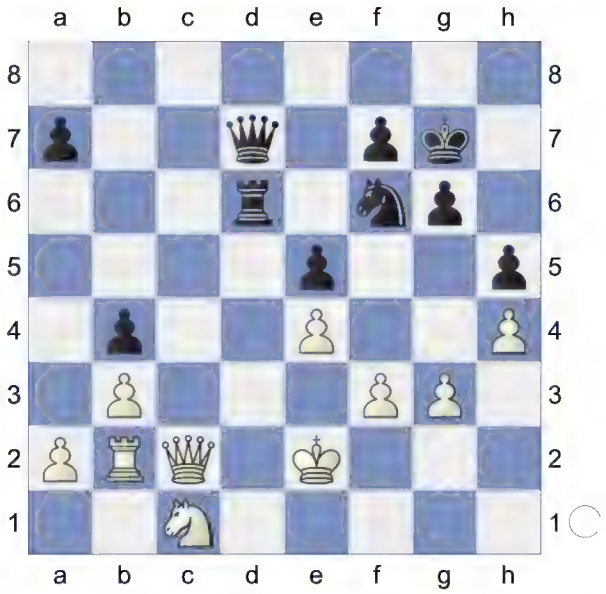
27...Bh6∓ 28.Bxh6 Kxh6 29.Ke2 Repels Rd2+ **29...Qd7! 30.Rb2** -1.39/21

[30.Nd3? Nxe4 31.fxe4 Qg4+ 32.Ke3 *(32.Kf2? Rf6+ 33.Ke3 Qxg3+ 34.Kd2 Qg2+ 35.Kc1 Qxe4-+)* 32...Qxg3+ 33.Ke2 Qg4+ *(33...Qxh4 34.Nf2∓)* 34.Ke3 f5-+ *(34...Qxh4 35.Qg2=)*]

[White should try 30.Ke3 -1.02/21]

30...Kg7!↑

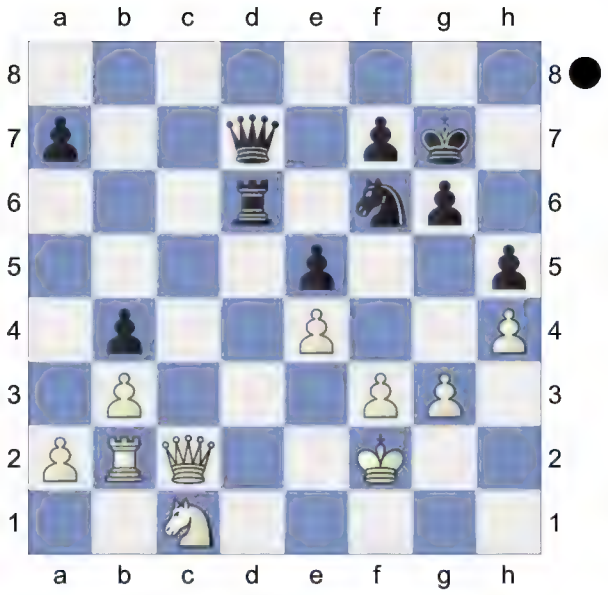
[30...Qh3?! 31.Qc5 Qh2+ 32.Qf2 Qxf2+ 33.Kxf2=]



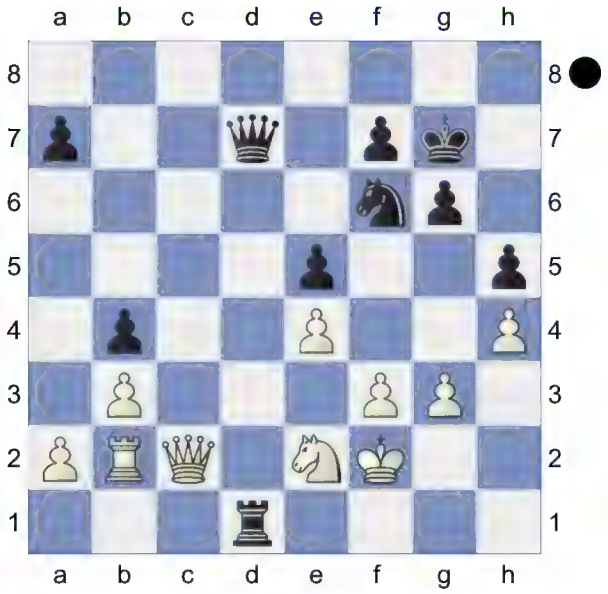
Black is pushing. Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive. This costs White the game. **31.Kf2** -1.96/20

[31.Nd3∓ -0.56/21]

(Diagram)

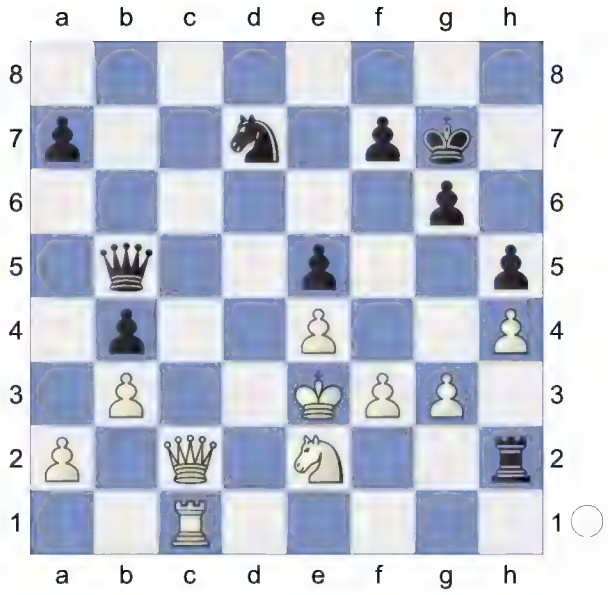


31...Rd1!-+ 32.Ne2 -3.15/23
[32.Kg2 -1.75/25 is the only way for White.]

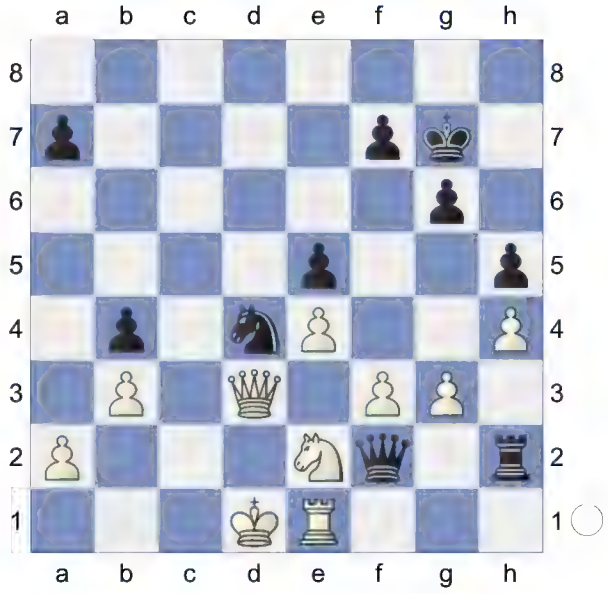


Against Qd4+ **32...Rh1! 33.Ke3 Rh2 34.Rb1** -3.25/23
[⌓34.Qd3 -1.83/20 Qh3 35.Rc2]
34...Qb5 35.Rc1 Nd7

(Diagram)

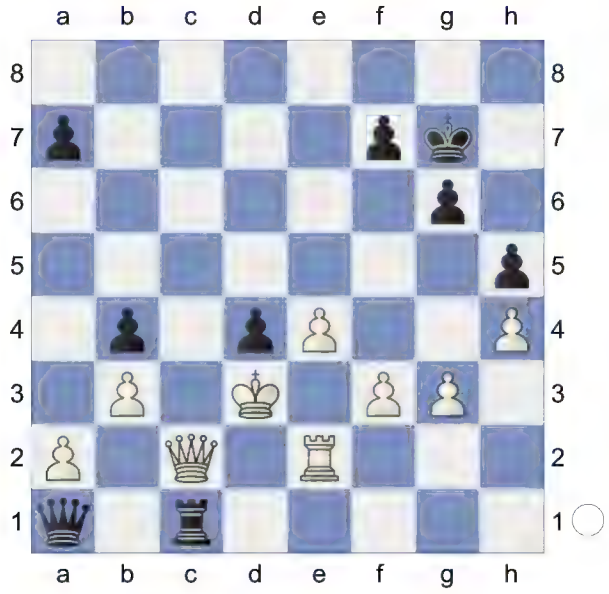


36.Re1 Nc5
[36...Qb6+ 37.Kd2-+]
37.Qc4 Qb6 38.Kd2 Black is clearly winning. **38...Ne6** Strongly threatening ... Qf2. **39.Qd3** -6.94/19
[⌓39.Qd5 -4.54/19 Nd4 40.Qxe5+ Kh7 41.Qf4]
39...Qf2 40.Kd1 Nd4



41.Nxd4 exd4 KQR-KQR **42.Re2 Rh1+**
[Inferior is 42...Qxg3 43.Qxd4+ Kg8 44.Rxh2 Qxh2 45.Qxb4=]
43.Kd2 Qg1
[43...Qxg3 44.Qxd4+ Kh7 45.Qf6∓]

44.Qc2 Wards off Qd1+ **44...Qa1** (-> ...Rd1+!) **45.Kd3 Rc1**



46.Qb2

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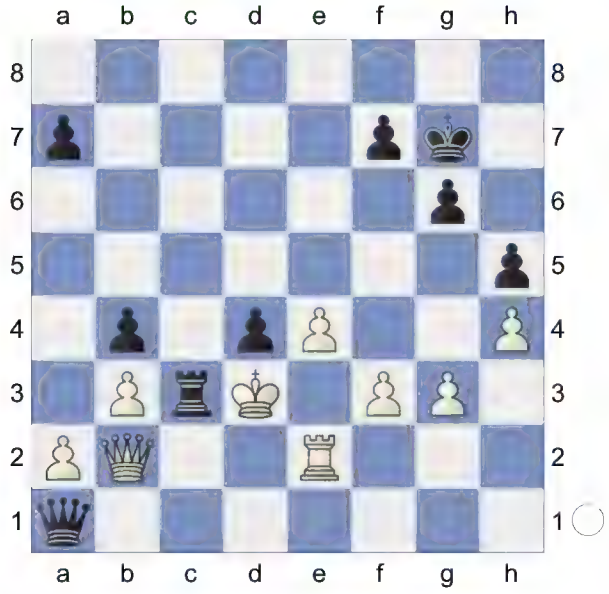
46...Rc3+

[Less strong is 46...Rd1+ 47.Kc4∓]



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101 **A36**

□ **Bissmann,Stefan** **2195**

■ **Hesse,Olaf** **2131**

corr 45. DFM/Endrunde 13.10.2015

[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7

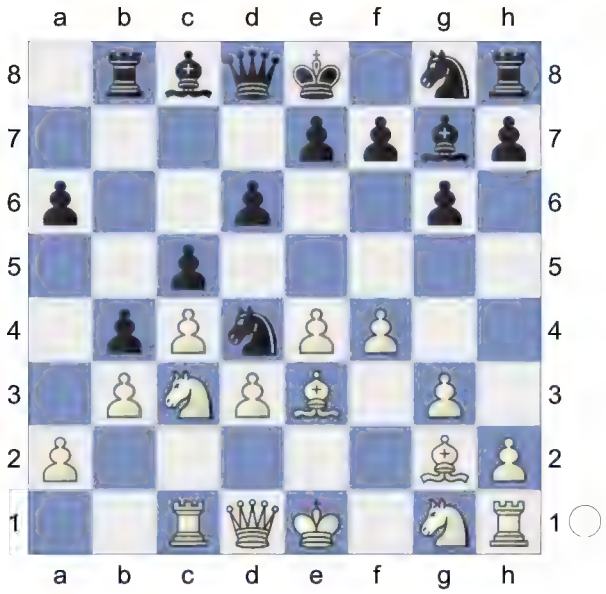
1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Rb8N

[5...Bxc3 6.bxc3 d6 7.d3 Qa5 8.Ne2 Bg4 9.f3 Bd7 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.0-0 Qxa2 12.Bf4 Qa5 13.d4 Nf6 14.Bh6 Theory 2D: 1... g6-Theory,D]

[5...b6 6.Nge2 Bb7 7.0-0 d6 8.d3 e6 9.f4 Nge7 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Bxd4 cxd4 12.Nb5 e5 13.Qa4 Bc6 14.Qb4 Nc8 15.Bh3 Bd7 16.f5 Bf8 17.Qb3 Be7 18.c5 0-0 19.cxd6 Nxd6 20.Nxd6 1-0 (41) Filipek,J (2373)-Miroshnichenko,E (2525) EU-Cup 18th Kallithea 2002 (1.3) Bxd6 21.fxg6 Bxh3 22.Rxf7 hxg6 23.Rd7+ Kh8 24.Rxd8 Raxd8 25.Qb5 Rf6 26.Kh1 Rf2 27.Nxd4 exd4 28.Qg5 Rd7 29.Qh4+ Rh7 30.Qd8+ Rf8 31.Qxd6 Rhf7 32.Qxd4+ Kg8 33.Rg1 Rf1 34.Qc4+ Kg7 35.d4 ½-½ (41) Konkol,S (1960)-Zinchenko,I (1521) FRA-ch60 Championnat 1985 (1)]

(Diagram)

6.d3 a6 7.Be3 d6 8.f4 -0.69/21
[White should play 8.Nge2= -0.11/21]
8...Nd4 9.Rc1 b5 10.b3 b4



11.Nce2 Bg4 0.22/23
[⌓11...e5 -0.22/23]
12.h3= Bxe2 13.Nxe2 Qa5 0.89/21
[13...Nxe2= 0.27/18 14.Qxe2 Bc3+ 15.Rxc3 bxc3]
14.Bxd4 0.36/22
[14.0-0± 0.89/21]
14...cxd4± 15.0-0 Nf6 0.62/18
[15...Qc5= 0.17/20 should be considered.]

16.g4 -0.33/17
[16.Nxd4? Qc5 *(16...Qxa2? 17.Nc6+-)* 17.Kh2 Qxd4-+]
[16.c5!± 0.62/18]
16...Nd7∓ 17.Rc2 -0.69/22 White is weak on the dark squares
[⌓17.h4 -0.33/20]
17...Qc5 0.18/18
[17...Nc5∓ -0.69/22]
18.Ng3 -0.43/17
[18.h4= 0.18/18]
18...e5! 19.f5 -1.26/20
[19.Ne2∓ -0.43/22]
19...Bh6 20.h4 Bf4

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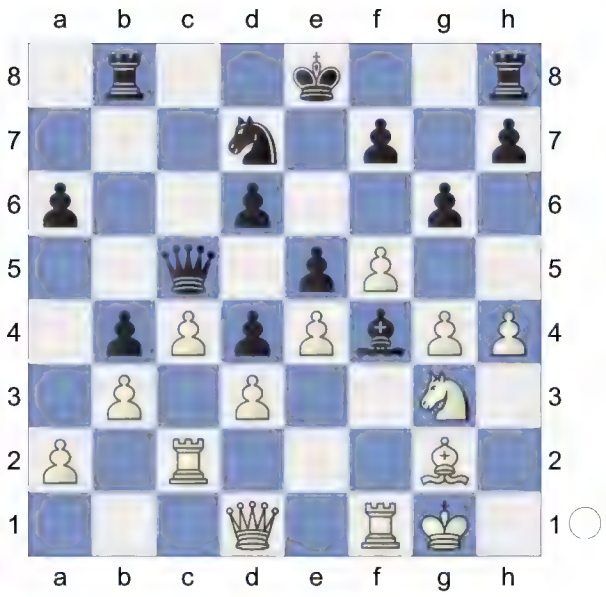
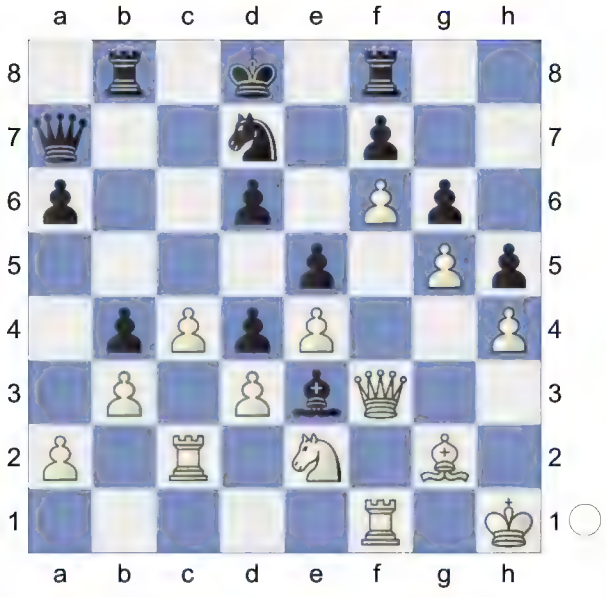
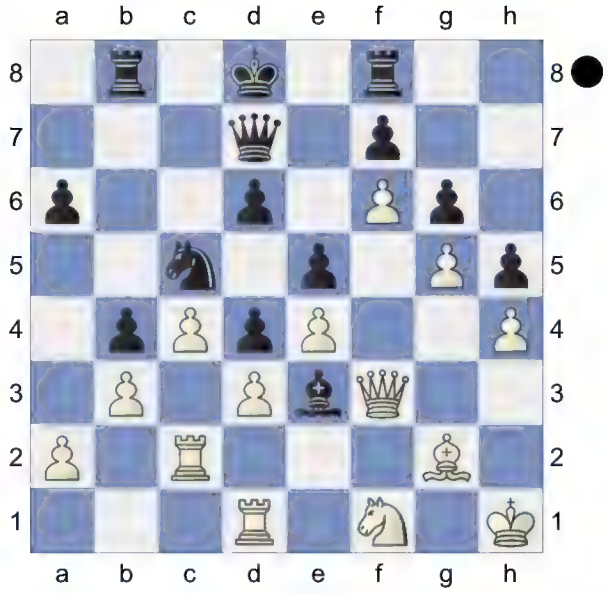


21.Qf3 Kd8 22.g5 h5? 0.92/18
[22...h6∓ -1.04/20 stays on course. 23.h5 Kc7 24.fxg6 fxg6]
23.Ne2 Be3+ 24.Kh1 And now fxg6 would win. **24...Rf8! 25.f6?** -1.17/20
[25.fxg6± 0.43/19 stays ahead. fxg6 26.Qxf8+ Nxf8 27.Rxf8+ Kc7 28.Rf6]
25...Qa7∓



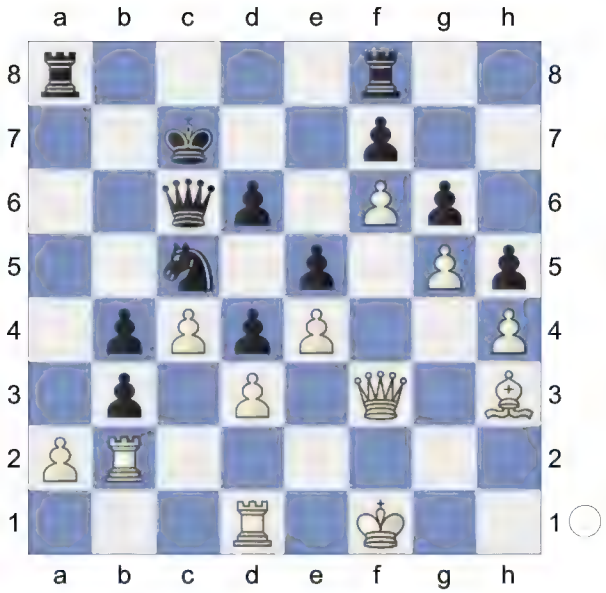
26.Ng3 Nc5 -1.64/18
[26...a5∓ -1.18/19 27.Rb1 Nc5]
27.Rd1-+ Qd7 -0.74/15
[⌓27...Rh8 -1.24/19 28.Nf1 Bf4]
28.Nf1∓



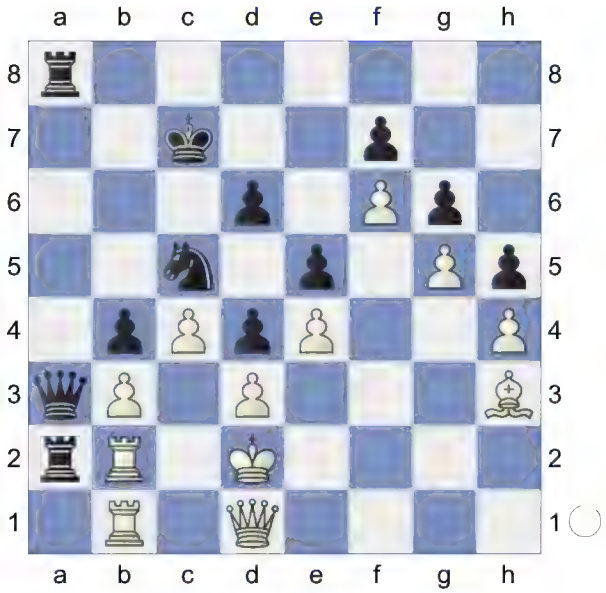
Bf4 29.Bh3 Repels Qg4 **29...Qc6**
30.Ng3 -1.96/18
[30.Rf2∓ -0.78/18]
30...Bxg3

31.Qxg3 a5 32.Rb2 Kc7 33.Kg1 -2.11/22
[33.Rdb1 -1.62/19 might work better.]
33...Ra8 34.Kf1 a4 35.Qf3? -3.72/20
[35.Qg2 -1.89/23]
35...axb3-+

(Diagram)

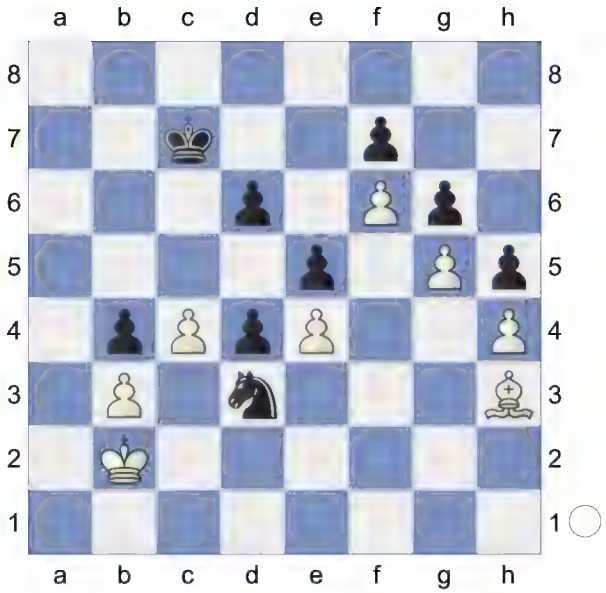


36.axb3 Ra3 37.Rdb1 Rfa8 38.Qd1 Qa6 39.Ke2 Ra2 40.Kd2 -4.99/23
[⌓40.Bf1 -3.47/19]
40...Qa3

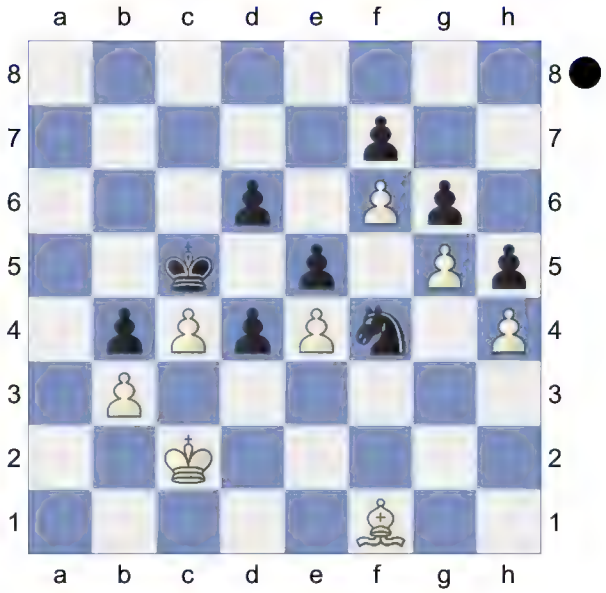


41.Rxa2 -6.67/21
[41.Qc2 -3.58/23]
41...Qxa2+ 42.Qc2 Qxc2+ 43.Kxc2 Endgame KRB-KRN **43...Ra2+ 44.Rb2 Rxb2+** Deflection **45.Kxb2 Nxd3+**

(Diagram)

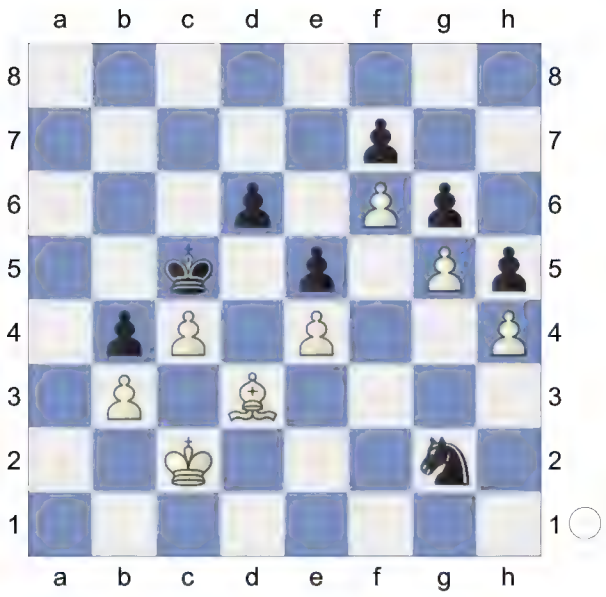


KB-KN. Black is a pawn up. **46.Kc2 Nf4 47.Bf1 Kc6 48.Kd2** -4.72/24
[⌓48.Kc1 -3.12/27 d3 49.Kd2]
48...Kc5 49.Kc2? -6.69/24
[49.Bd3 -2.90/22]



49...d3+! Deflection. Black is clearly winning. **50.Bxd3 Ng2**
[50...Kd4 51.c5 Kxc5 *(51...Nxd3? is the wrong capture. 52.c6+-)* 52.Bc4∓]

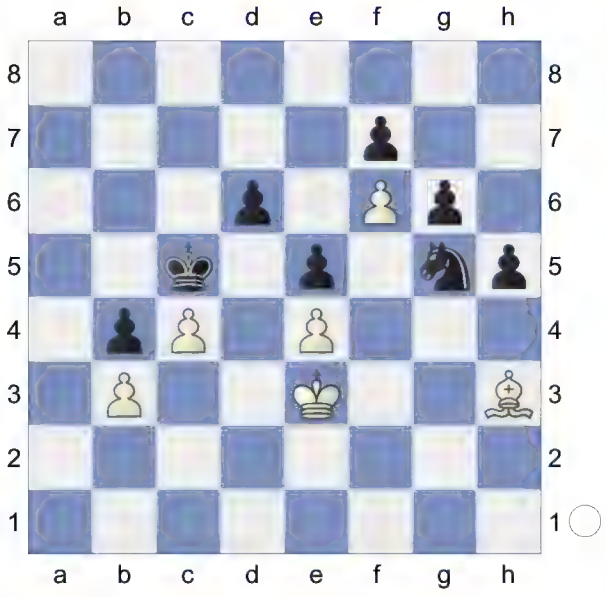
(Diagram)



51.Be2 Nxh4 52.Kd3 Ng2 and ...Nf4+ would now be decisive **53.Bf1 Nf4+ 54.Ke3 Ne6 55.Bh3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.31

55...Nxg5



An unexpected result.

½-½

102 **A36**

□ **Adhithya,S** **2055**

■ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2518**

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[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7

Cabrilo,G: 'Inf 52/56' **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d3 Bg7 5.g3 0-0**

6.Bg2 c5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.0-0 Rb8 9.h3 a6 10.f4 Nd4 0.21/20

[10...Ne8!∓ -0.34/18]

[10...Bd7 11.Be3 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.d4 b4 14.e5 bxc3 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.bxc3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Qa5 18.Rc1 Nb4 19.Qd2 Qxa2 20.Qxa2 Nxa2 21.Rc7 Bb5 22.Re1 Rfc8 23.Ra7 Nb4 24.Kf2 Nd3+ 25.Kf1 0-1 (29) Chylewski,P (2312)-Ilamparthi,A (2495) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early blitz 2025 (2)]

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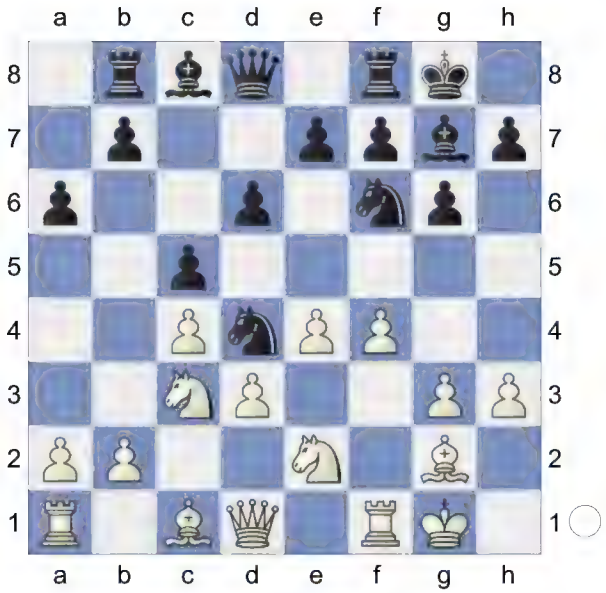
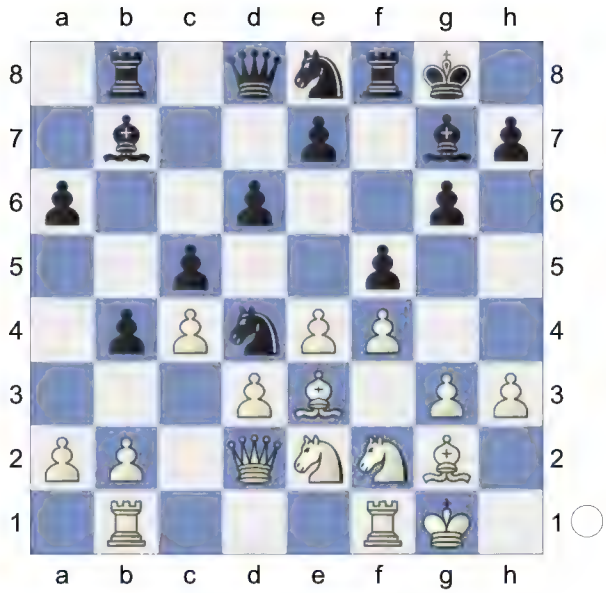
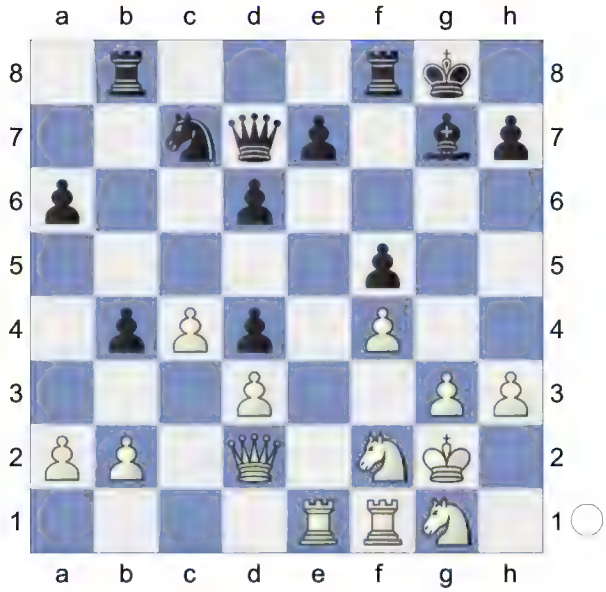


11.Be3 -0.16/22
[11.a4 0.21/20]
11...Ne8= 12.Rb1 b5N
[12...f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.b4 b6 15.bxc5 dxc5 16.Na4 Bd7 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Bd2 Rf6 19.Qb3 Rg6 20.Kh2 Kh8 21.Rfe1 Nc7 22.c5 b5 23.Nb6 Be6 24.Qc2 Qg8 25.Re2 Bxa2 26.Rbe1 Re8 27.c6 1-0 (45) Harman,K (2475)-Kupper,P (2555) 63/(310) Matinhos 1994 e5 28.fxe5 Be6 29.Bf4 Rd8 30.Nd7 Qf7 31.Nc5 b4 32.Nb7 Rg8 33.Qc5 b3 34.Nd6 Qf8 35.Qa7 Qd8 36.Qxd4 Bh6 37.Bxh6 Rxh6 38.Rf1 a5 39.Rxf5 Nb5 40.Qf4 Rhg6 41.Nf7+ Bxf7 42.e6 1-0 (45) Sunye Neto,J (2475)-Fedorowicz,J (2555) 52/56 Mexiko 1991]
13.Qd2 -0.63/17
[13.a3= -0.21/19 deserves consideration.]
13...b4!∓ 14.Nd1 f5 15.Nf2 Bb7 0.07/18
[15...b3∓ -0.32/19 16.Bxd4 cxd4]

(Diagram)



16.Rbe1 Nc7 0.48/18
[16...e5= -0.25/19]
17.Bxd4± cxd4 18.exf5
[18.Qxb4 Bxe4 19.Qd2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 e5∓]
18...Bxg2 19.Kxg2 gxf5 20.Ng1 -0.29/21
[20.g4!± 0.44/18]
20...Qd7



21.Nf3 Against e5 **21...Rbe8 22.Kh2 Qc6** 0.29/21
[22...e5∓ -0.49/20]
23.Qd1 e5 24.Ng5 -1.16/20

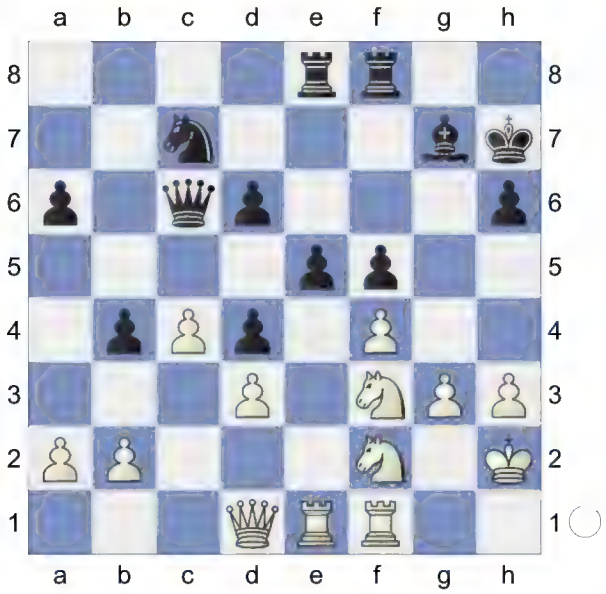
[24.Nh4= 0.15/18 keeps the balance.]

24...h6 -0.36/18

[24...exf4∓ -1.16/20 25.Rxe8 fxg3+ *(25...Rxe8 26.Nh1∓; 25...Qxe8 26.g4∓)* 26.Kxg3 Qxe8 *(26...Nxe8 27.Qf3∓; 26...Rxe8 27.Qh5∓)*]

25.Nf3∓ Kh7 0.44/19

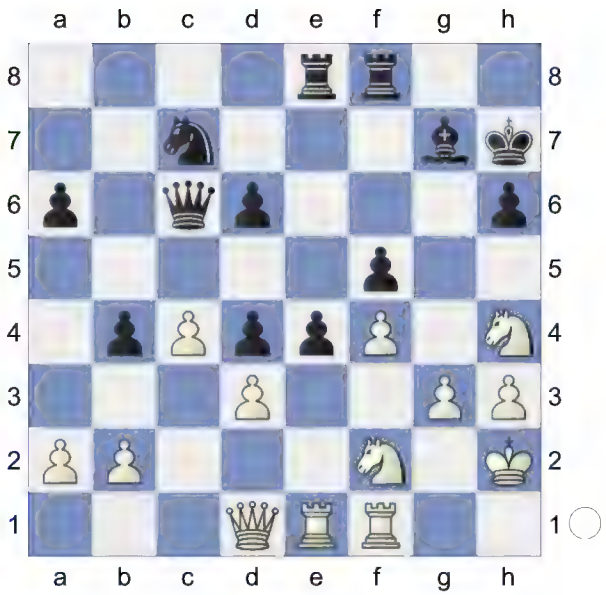
[Black should play 25...exf4∓ -0.64/19 26.Nh1 *(26.gxf4 Ne6∓)* 26...Ne6]



26.Nh4± and Qh5 should not be overlooked **26...e4** 1.38/21

[26...exf4!± 0.44/17 27.gxf4 d5]

(Diagram)



27.Qh5 0.28/20

[27.dxe4!± 1.38/21 fxe4 28.Rxe4 Qxc4 *(28...Rxe4 29.Qd3±* Pin *)* 29.b3]

27...e3!= 28.Nh1 -0.54/20

[28.Qg6+= 0.12/19 Kh8 29.Nxf5]

28...Qd7 0.03/18 Active counter play!

[28...d5∓ -0.54/20 29.b3 dxc4 30.bxc4 a5 31.Nxf5 Ne6]

29.Re2 -1.41/22

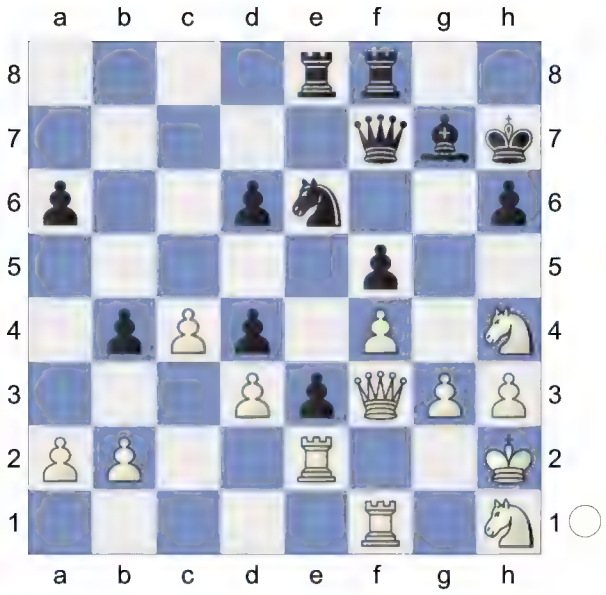
[29.g4= 0.03/18]

29...Qf7↑ Black is in control. **30.Qf3** -1.95/18

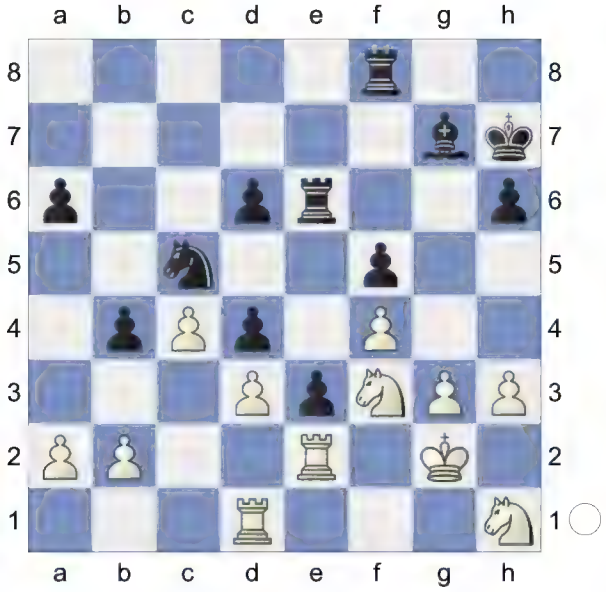
[30.g4∓ -1.32/19 Qxh5 31.gxh5]

30...Ne6

(Diagram)



31.Rd1 Nc5 32.Qc6 Re6 33.Nf3 Qb7 34.Qxb7 Nxb7 35.Kg2 Nc5



36.Ne1 b3 37.a3 Rc8 38.Kf3 h5 39.g4? -4.34/21

[39.Ng2 -1.89/15]

39...fxg4+-+ 40.hxg4 hxg4+

(Diagram)

41.Kxg4 Rg6+ 42.Kf3 Bh6 White is weak on the dark squares **43.Ng3 Rf8** -1.75/19

[⌓43...Bxf4 -3.34/20 44.Kxf4 Rf8+ *(44...Ne6+? 45.Ke4-+)* 45.Nf5 Ne6+ 46.Ke4 Rg4+ 47.Kd5 Nf4+ *(47...Rxf5+ 48.Kxe6 Rf1 49.Rh2+ Kg7 50.Kxd6±)* 48.Kxd4 Nxe2+ 49.Kxe3 Nc3 50.bxc3 Rxf5]

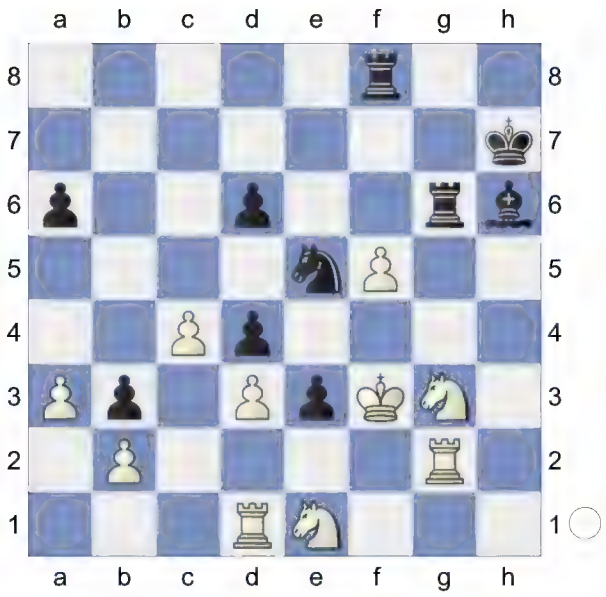
44.f5? -4.09/21

[44.Ng2 -1.75/19]

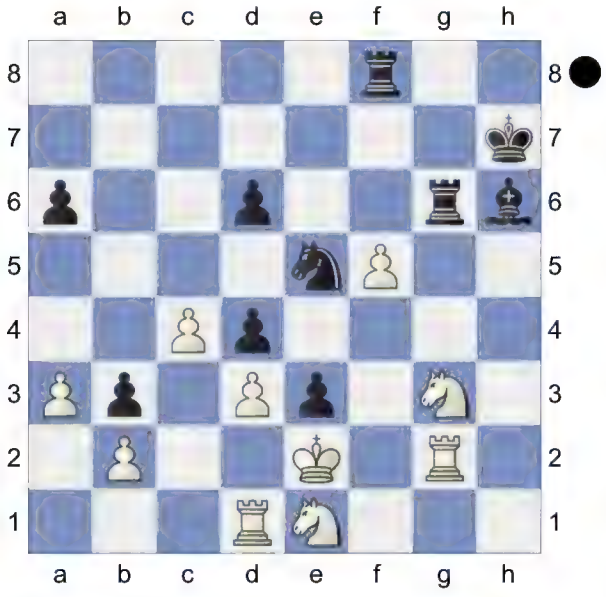
44...Nd7 45.Rg2 Ne5+ -2.15/19

[⌓45...Rg5 -4.02/23 46.Ne2 Rfxf5+ *(46...Rgxf5+? 47.Ke4-+)* 47.Ke4 Nc5+ 48.Kxd4 Ne6+ *(48...Rxg2? 49.Nxg2 Ne6+ 50.Kc3-+)* 49.Kc3 Rxg2 *(49...Rf2? 50.Rxg5 Bxg5 51.Ng1-+)* 50.Nxg2 Rf2 51.Nxe3 Bxe3 *(51...Rxe2? 52.Nf5-+)*]

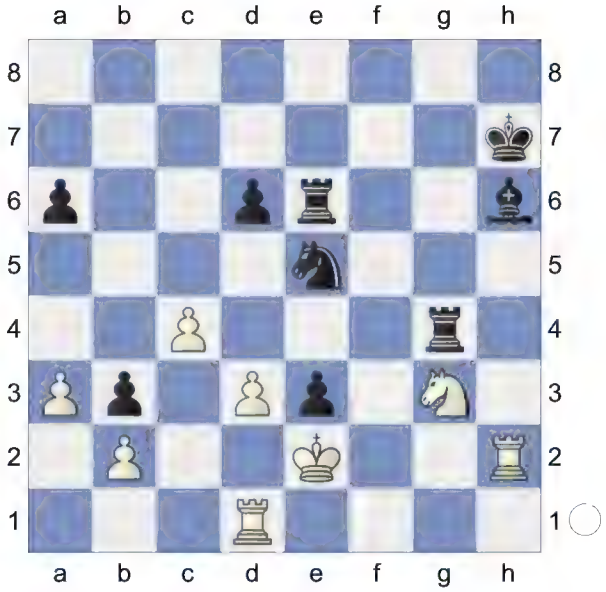
(Diagram)



46.Ke2



Rg4 -1.30/21
[46...Rg7!-+ -2.26/22 ...Rfg8 would now be deadly. 47.Ne4 *(47.Nf3? Rxf5* Pin *48.Nxd4 Rxg3-+)* 47...Rxf5 48.Rxg7+ Kxg7]
This move loses the game for White.
47.Nf3? -3.49/20
[47.Ne4∓ -1.30/21 was the only defense. Rxg2+ *(47...Rxf5 48.Rxg4 Nxg4 49.Nf3∓)* 48.Nxg2]
47...Rxf5 Pin **48.Nxd4 Rfg5 49.Ne6** -4.98/22
[Wrong is 49.Ndf5? Rxf5 50.Rh1 Rf6-+]
[49.Nf3 -3.22/17 was called for. Rg6 *(49...Rxg3? 50.Nxg5+ Rxg5 51.Rxg5-+)* 50.Rdg1]
49...Rg6
[49...Rxg3 50.Nxg5+ Rxg5 51.Rxg5 Bxg5 52.Rg1-+]
50.Rh2 Rxe6



51.Nf5 Nf7 52.Rf1 -4.96/19
[⌓52.Rdh1 -3.48/16]
52...Kg8 53.d4 Bf4 54.d5 Re5
Black is clearly winning.
[54...Bxh2 55.dxe6 Rg2+ 56.Kxe3 Bg1+ 57.Kf3∓]
55.Kf3 Bxh2

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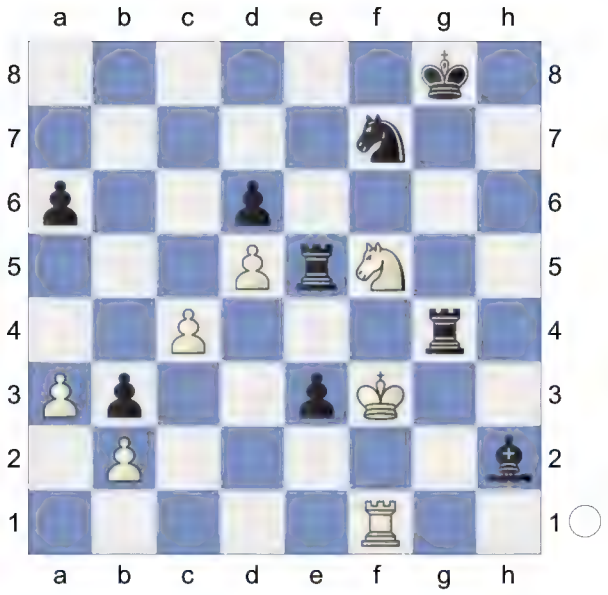
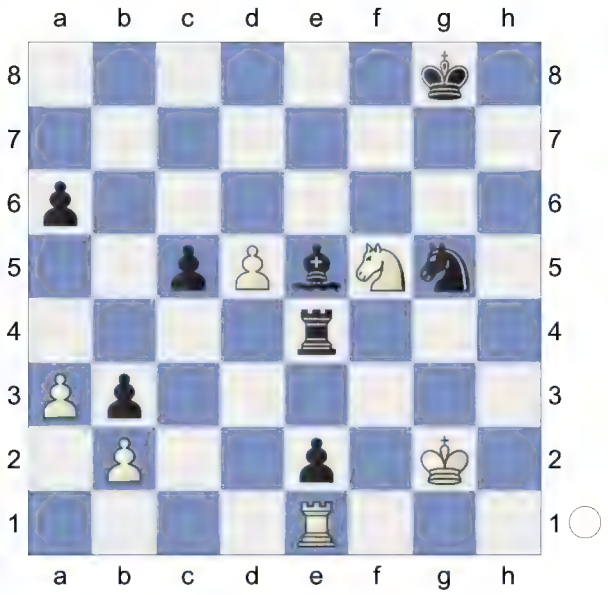


56.Kxg4 e2 57.Re1 Re4+ 58.Kf3 Ng5+ 59.Kg2 Be5 60.c5 dxc5

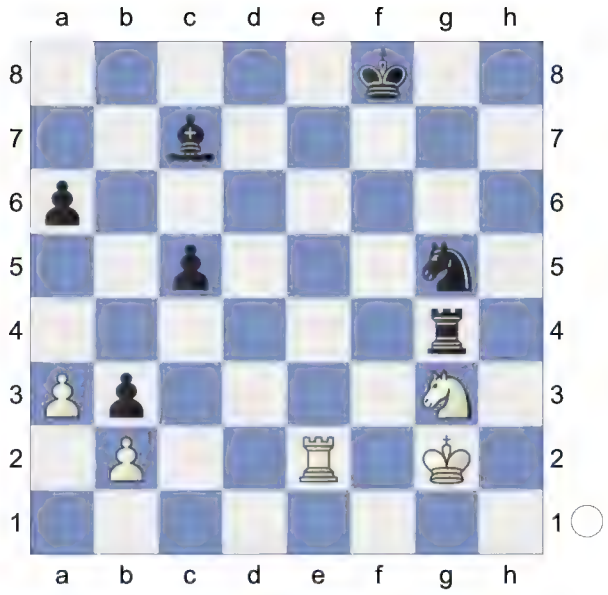


61.d6 Kf8 62.d7 Bc7

[62...Bxb2? 63.d8Q+ *(63.d8B?* is the wrong capture. *Bc3-+)* 63...Re8 64.Qxg5+-]

63.Ng3 Rg4 64.d8Q+ Bxd8 65.Rxe2 Bc7

(Diagram)



66.Re3 Rxg3+ 67.Rxg3 Bxg3 68.Kxg3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.37

68...c4

0-1

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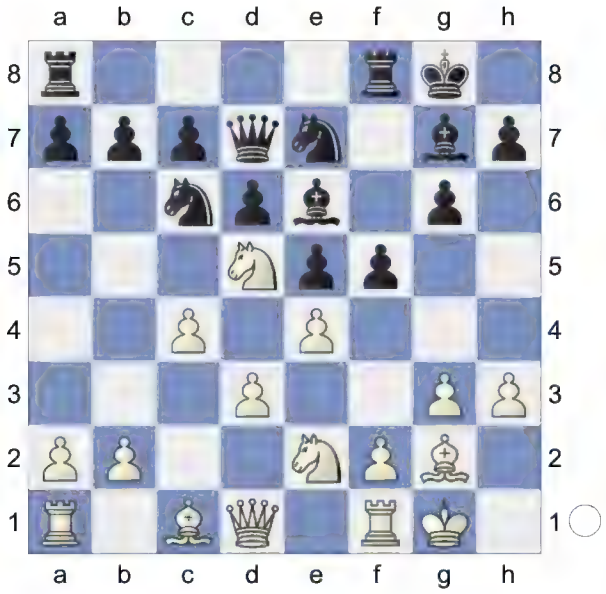
[Kitty Kat]

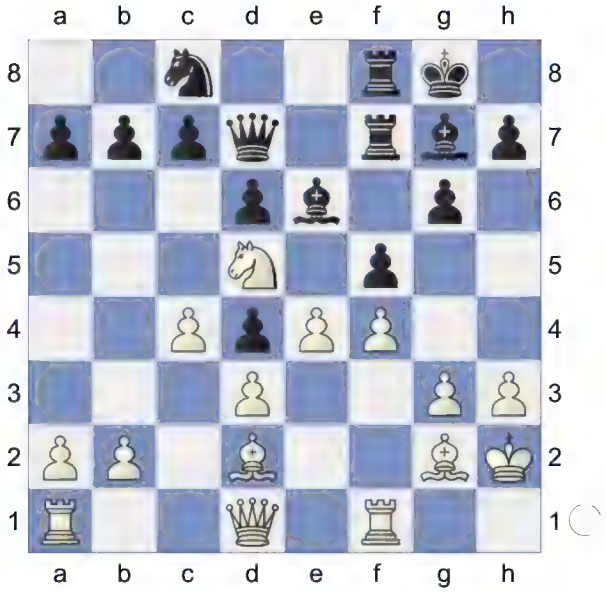
A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6

6.e4 Nge7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 f5 9.h3 Be6 10.Nd5 Qd7

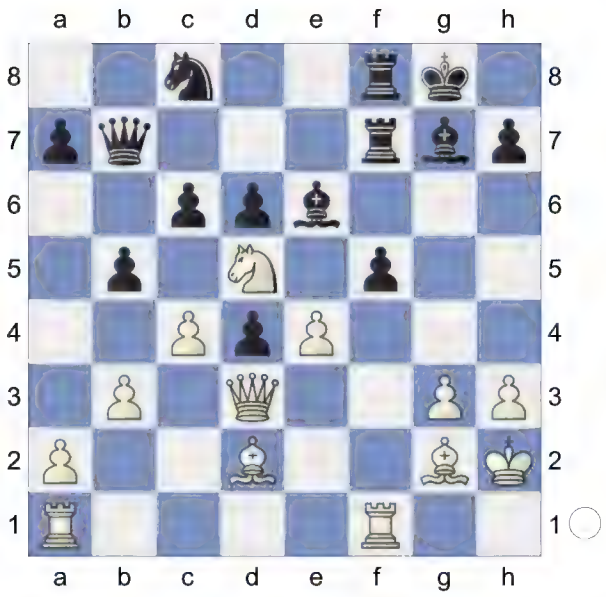


11.Kh2 The position is equal. **11...Rf7 12.Be3 Raf8 13.f4! Nd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Bd2 Nc8**



16.Qf3 -0.45/22
[16.a4± 0.34/21]
16...c6
[16...fxe4!? 17.dxe4 b5 *(17...c6 18.Qe2=)* 18.cxb5 Qxb5∓]
17.b3 fxe4N
[17...cxd5? 18.exd5 Bh6 19.dxe6 Qxe6 20.Rae1+-]
18.dxe4 b5
[18...cxd5?! 19.cxd5 Bxd5 20.exd5±]
19.Qd3 -1.09/21 **Qb7!∓**
[19...cxd5 20.cxd5 *(20.cxb5? dxe4 21.Qxe4 d5-+)* 20...Bxd5 21.exd5±]
20.f5 gxf5 -0.72/19
[20...bxc4 -1.30/24 21.bxc4 gxf5 *(21...cxd5 22.fxe6 Rc7 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.cxd5+-)*]

(Diagram)



21.Nf4 bxc4 22.bxc4 Bd7 0.40/23
[22...fxe4∓ -0.58/20 23.Bxe4 Bf5 24.Bxf5 Rxf5]
23.Nh5 0.00/20
[23.Rab1!± 0.40/23 Nb6 24.Kg1]
23...fxe4 0.60/21
[Black should play 23...Qb2!= 0.00/20 24.Nf4 Qb8]
24.Rxf7± Rxf7
[24...exd3 25.Rxg7+ Kh8 26.Be4=]
25.Bxe4 Rb1! would now be deadly.
[25.Qxe4 Be5=]
25...Be5 1.24/19
[25...Qb2!= 0.23/17 keeps the balance. 26.Bxh7+ Kh8]

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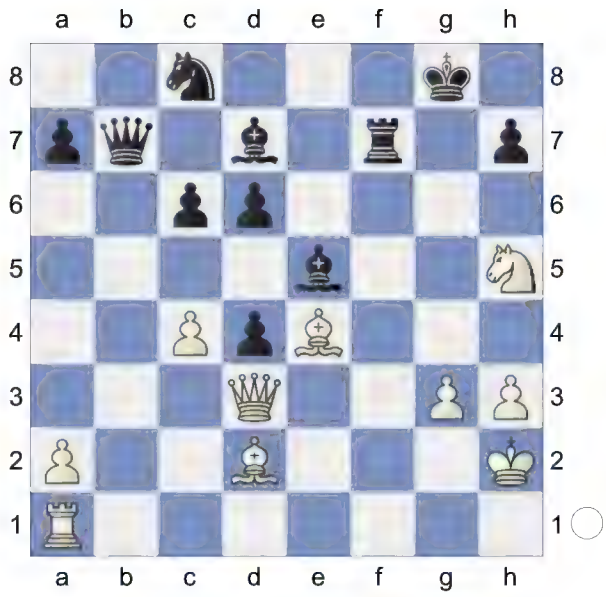
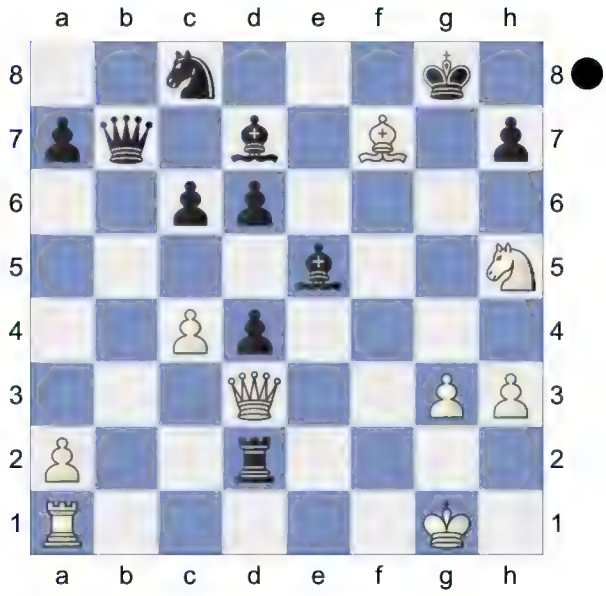
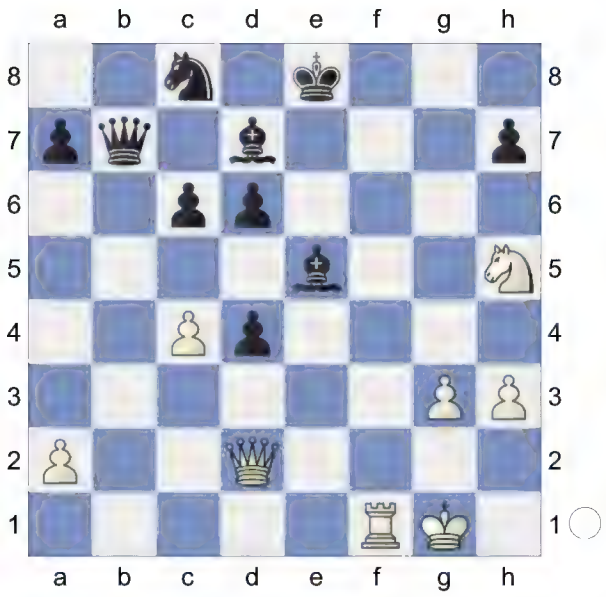


26.Bg6? -2.08/21 **Rf2+?** -0.13/17
[26...hxg6-+ -2.08/21 27.Qxg6+ Bg7]
27.Kg1= Rxd2 White is now going downhill. **28.Bf7+?** -3.00/24
[28.Bxh7+= 0.00/17 and White has nothing to worry. Kh8 29.Qxd2 Kxh7 30.Qg5]



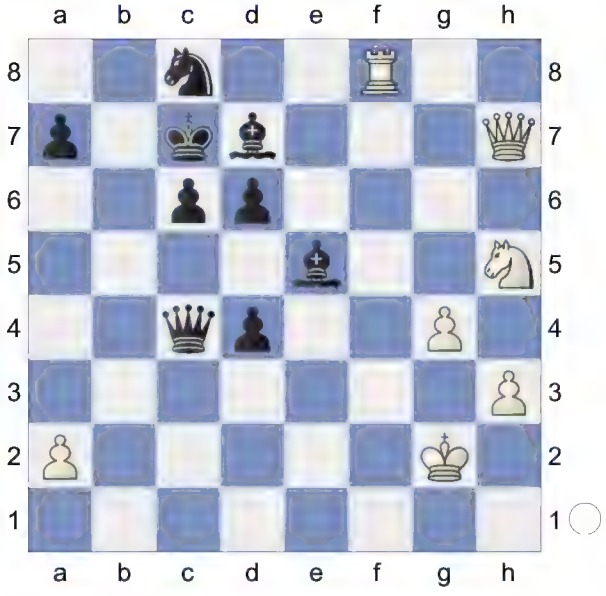
28...Kf8!-+
[28...Kxf7 29.Qxh7+ Ke8 30.Qg8+ Ke7 31.Qg5+ Ke8 32.Qg8+ Ke7 33.Qg5+ Ke8 34.Qg8+=]
29.Qxd2 Kxf7 30.Rf1+ Ke8



31.Qh6 Kd8

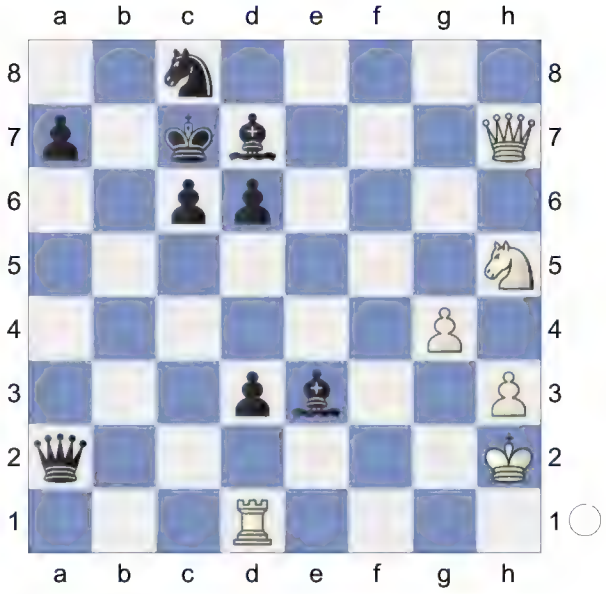
[Inferior is 31...Bxh3 32.Qf8+ Kd7 33.Rf7+ Ke6 34.Rxb7 d5 35.Qxc8+ Kd6 36.Qf8+ *(36.Qxh3 Kc5 37.Qf5 Bc7 38.Rxc7 h6 39.Qxd5+ Kb4 40.Qxd4 a5 41.Rb7+ Ka4 42.Qd1+ Ka3 43.Qb3#)* 36...Ke6 37.Qf7+ Kd6 38.Qe7#]

32.Qxh7 Qb4 33.g4 Qc3 Black is clearly winning. **34.Kg2 Qxc4 35.Rf8+ Kc7**



36.Rf2 Qd5+ 37.Kg1 d3 and ...d2 would now be decisive **38.Rd2 Bd4+**

39.Kh2 Be3 Deflection **40.Rd1 Qxa2+**



41.Kh1 Qd5+ 42.Kh2

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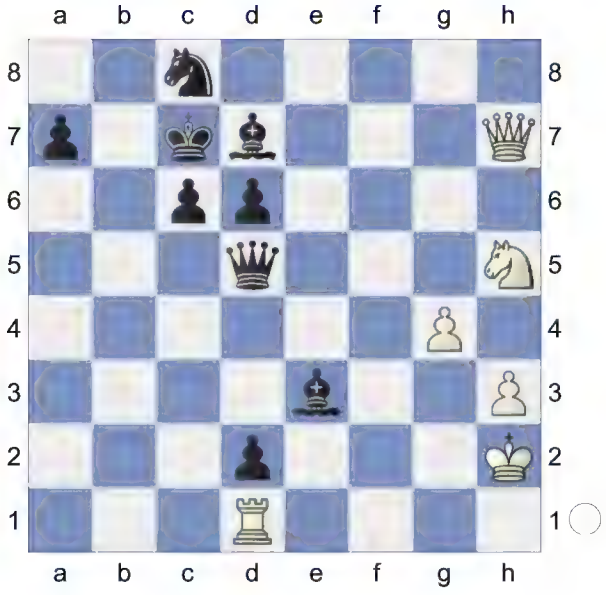
42...d2



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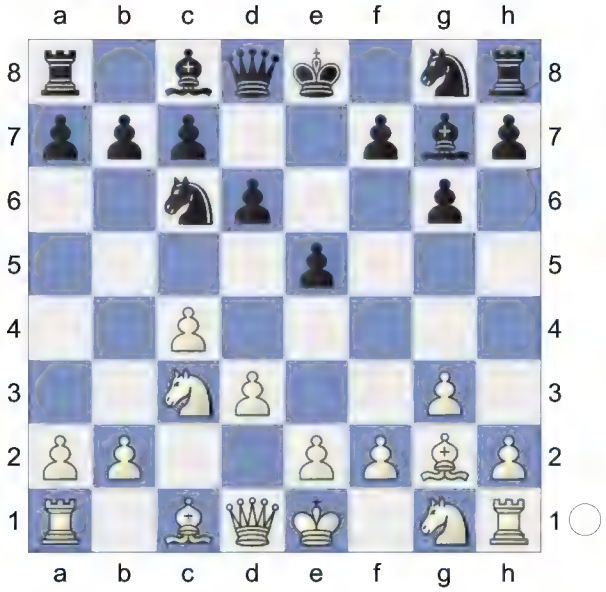
104 **A26**
□ **Damianou,Ioannis** **2008**
■ **Quesada Perez,Ya** **2523**
43rd Olympiad 2018 (1.32) 24.09.2018
[TA]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.d3 Bg7

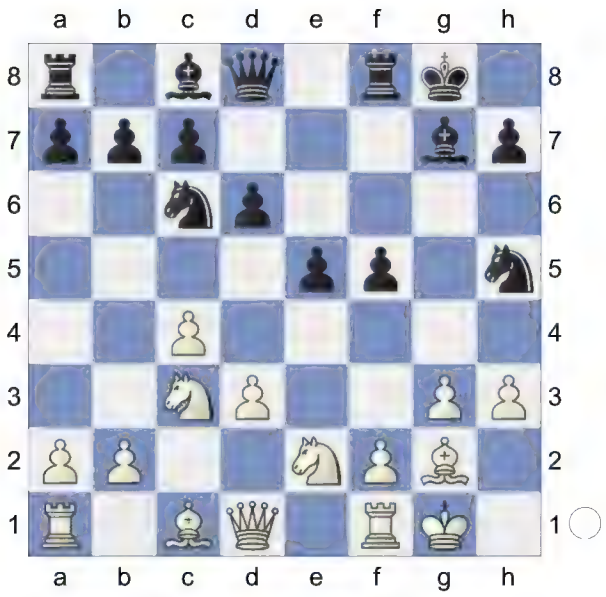


6.e4 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Nh5 A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

[9...Be6 10.Nd5 Qd7 11.Kh2 Kh8 12.Be3 Nd8 13.Rc1 c6 14.Nxf6 Bxf6 15.d4 fxe4 16.d5 Bg8 17.Nc3 c5 18.Nxe4 1-0 (43) Ju,W (2558)-Dzagnidze,N (2529) Huaian 2016]

10.exf5 gxf5

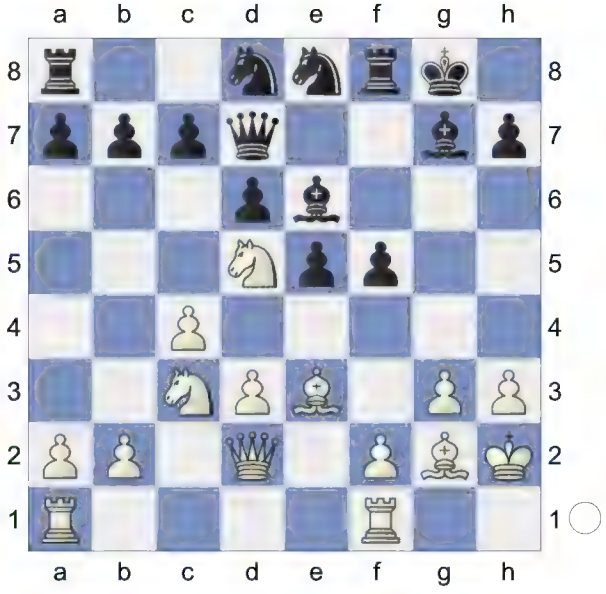
(Diagram)



LiveBook: 13 Games **11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nec3 Nf6 13.Be3 Qd7N**

[Predecessor: 13...Ne7 14.Nxf6+ Rxf6 15.Qd2 f4 16.gxf4 Qd7 17.Ne4 1/2-1/2 (36) Goetz,D-Steinmueller,A Puschendorf 1996]

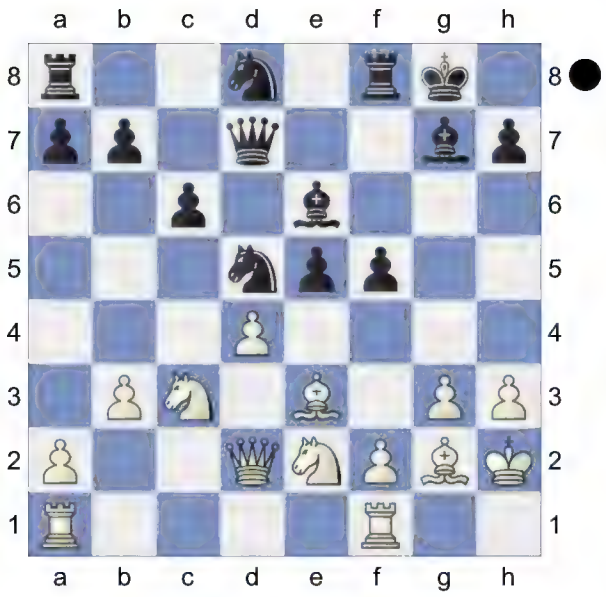
14.Kh2 Ne8 15.Qd2 Nd8



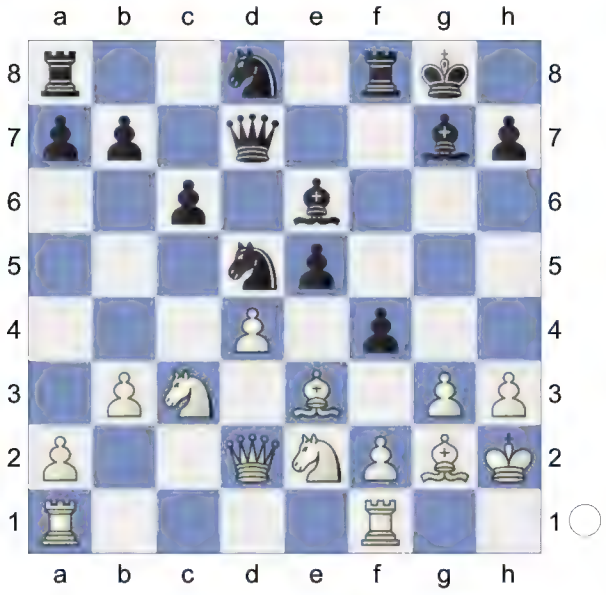
White should prevent ...c6. **16.Ne2 c6 17.Ndc3 Nf6 18.b3 d5** Strongly threatening ...d4. **19.cxd5**

[19.Bc5 keeps more tension. Re8 20.f4 e4 21.dxe4 dxe4 22.Rad1]

19...Nxd5 20.d4

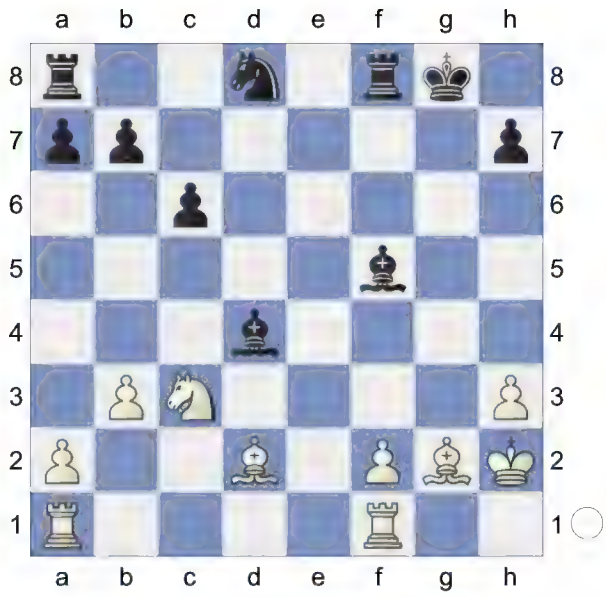


f4!

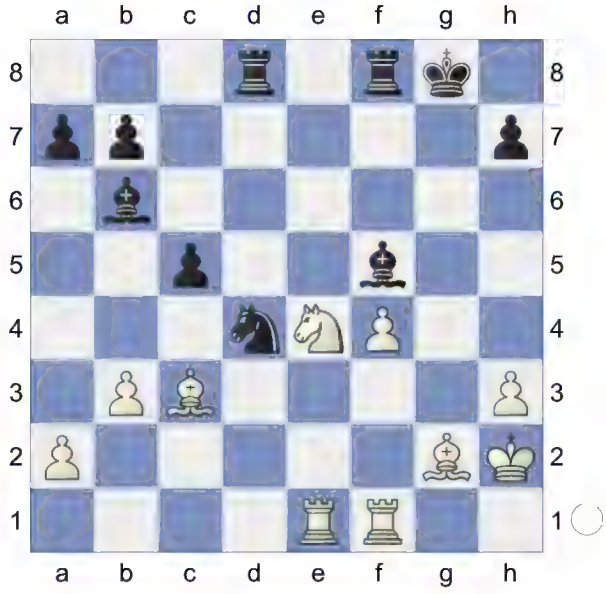


21.gxf4
[21.Bxd5 looks sharper. fxe3 22.Bxe6+ Nxe6 23.fxe3 Ng5 24.Ng1]
21...Nxf4 22.Nxf4 exf4 23.Bxf4 Qxd4 24.Qxd4 Bxd4 25.Bd2 Bf5

(Diagram)



26.f4 Ne6 27.Rae1 Rad8↑ Black is more active. **28.Ne4 Bb6 29.Bb4 c5 30.Bc3 Nd4**



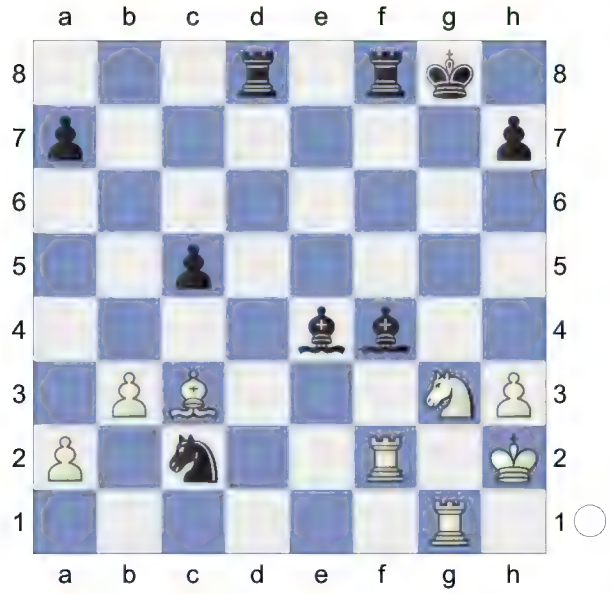
31.Ng3
[White should play 31.Rf2±]
31...Bd3= 32.Rf2 Bc7 33.Bxb7
[33.Kh1=]
33...Bxf4
[33...Rxf4∓ 34.Rg2 Bg6]
34.Be4 Nc2
[Black should try 34...Bc7∓ 35.Kg2 *(35.Rxf8+ Kxf8 36.Kg2 Bxg3∓)*
35...Rxf2+ 36.Kxf2 Bxg3+ 37.Kxg3

Ne2+ 38.Rxe2 Bxe2]

35.Bxd3??

[Of course not 35.Rxc2 Bxc2 36.Bxc2 Bd2∓]

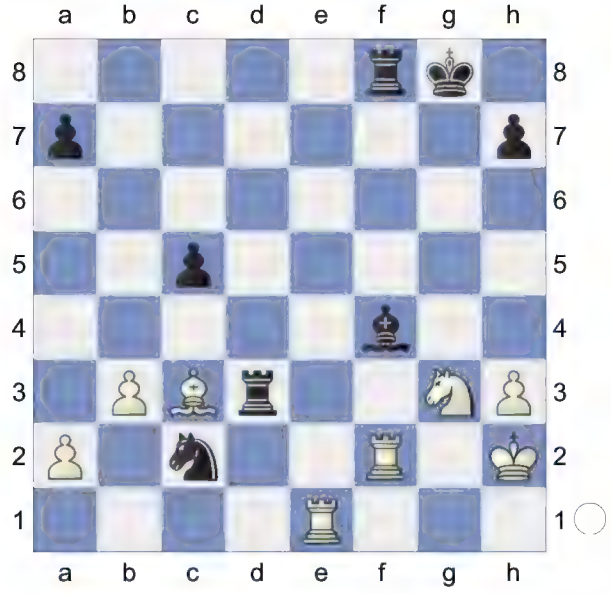
[35.Rg1= and White is okay. Bxe4



36.Rxf4! Rxf4 37.Nh5+ Bg6 38.Nxf4]

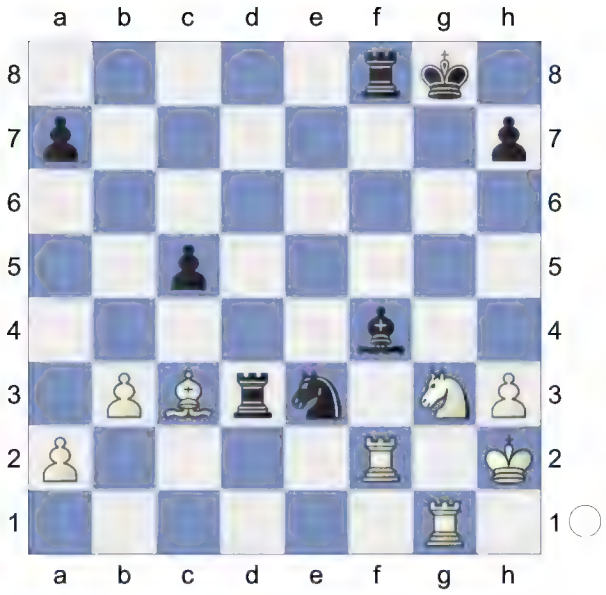
35...Rxd3?

[35...Bxg3+!-+ 36.Kxg3 Rxd3+ 37.Kg2 Rxc3 38.Rxf8+ Kxf8]



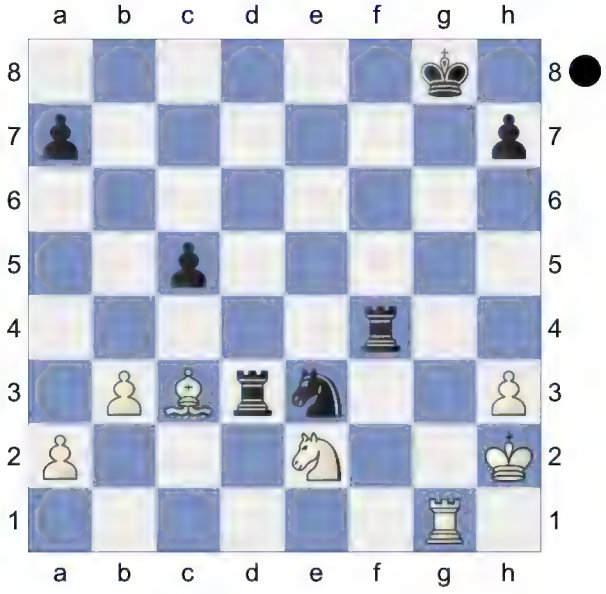
36.Rg1! The position is equal. **36...Ne3**

(Diagram)



aiming for ...Ng4+! **37.Rxf4!** **Rxf4**

38.Ne2+

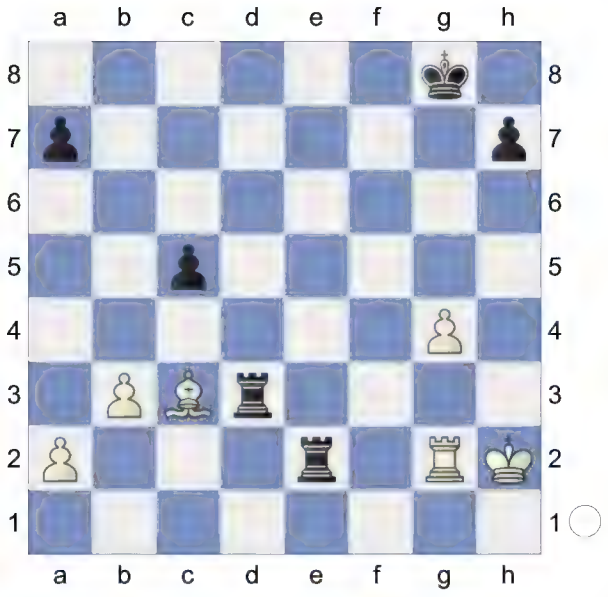


Ng4+! 39.hxg4

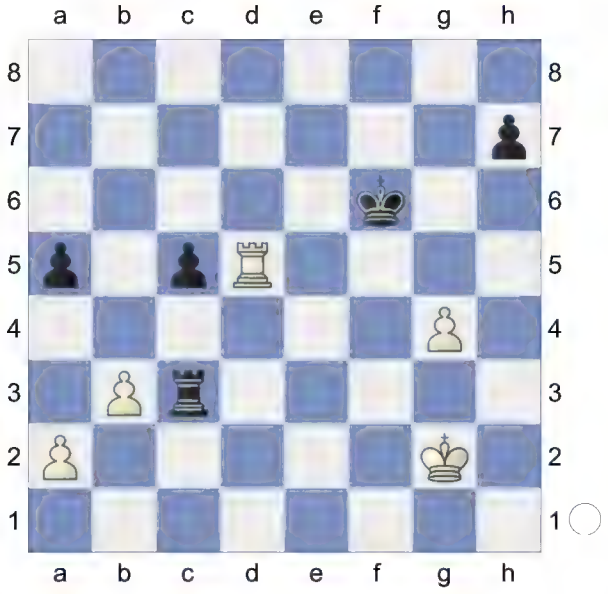
[Don't go for 39.Rxg4+? Rxg4 40.hxg4 Re3-+]

39...Rf2+ 40.Rg2 Rxe2

(Diagram)

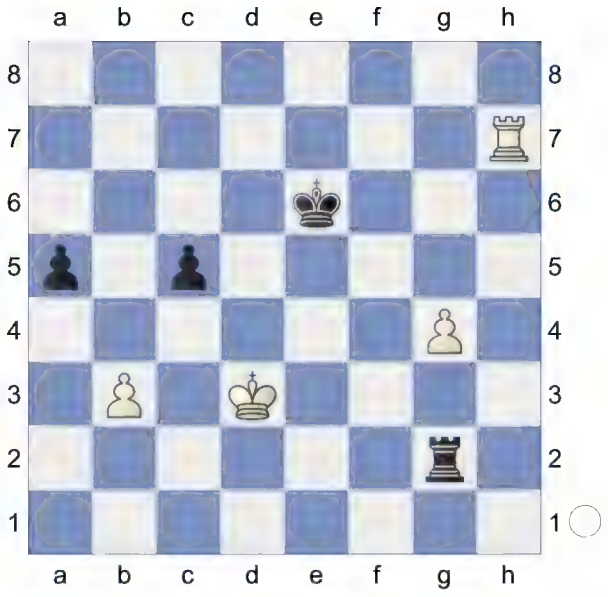


41.Rxe2 Rxc3 Endgame KR-KR **42.Rd2 a5 43.Kg2 Kf7 44.Rd7+ Kg6 45.Rd5 Kf6**

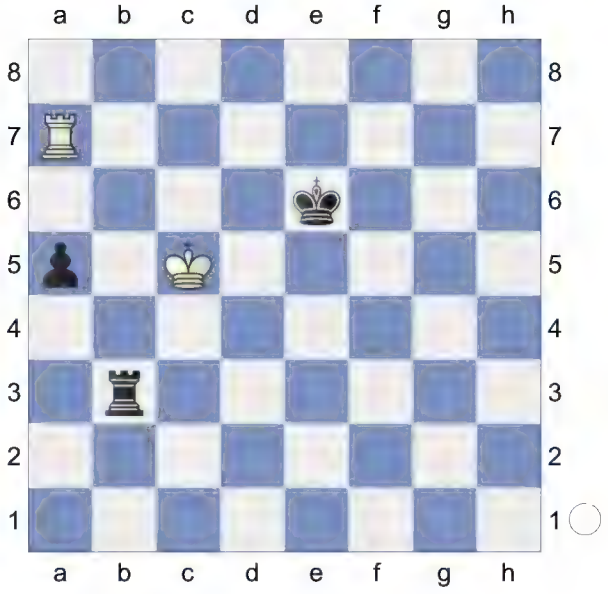


46.Rh5 Ke6 47.Rxh7 Rc2+ 48.Kf3 Rxa2 49.Ke4 Re2+ 50.Kd3 Rg2

(Diagram)



51.Kc4 Rc2+ 52.Kd3 Rg2 53.Kc4 Rxg4+ 54.Kxc5 Rb4 55.Ra7 Rxb3



56.Rxa5 Ke5?

[56...Rd3=]

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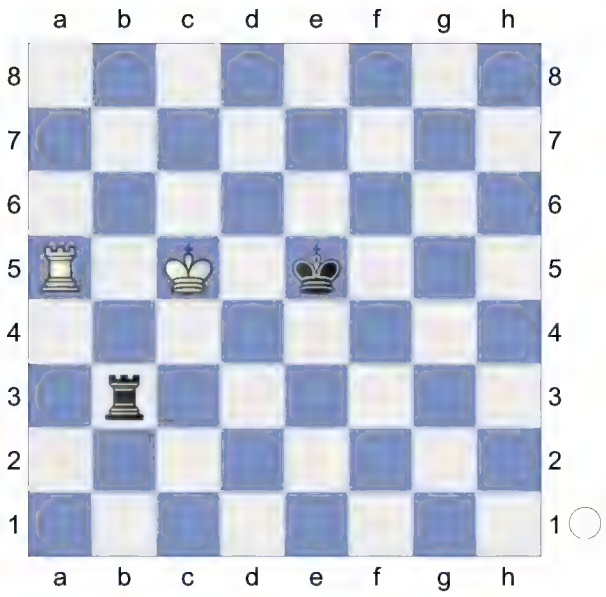
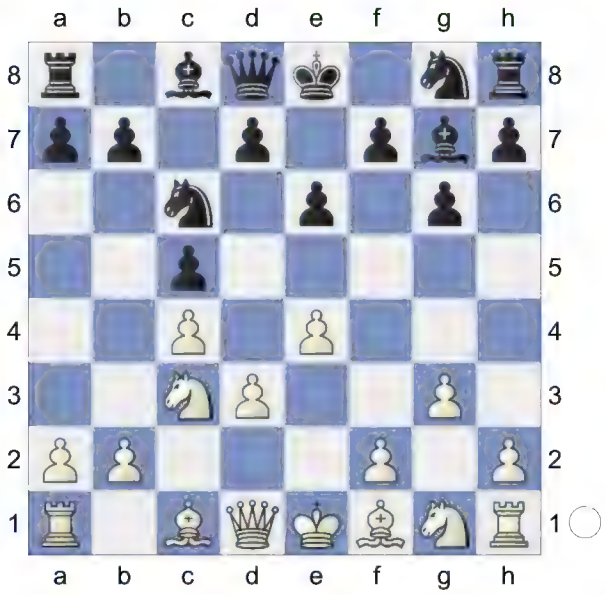


Precision: White = 51%, Black = 56%. .
An unexpected result.
½-½

105 **A36**
□ **Breitkopf,F** **1994**
■ **Gheorghiu,Calin** **2345**
12th Arad Open 2019 (2.22) 25.07.2019
[Kitty Kat]

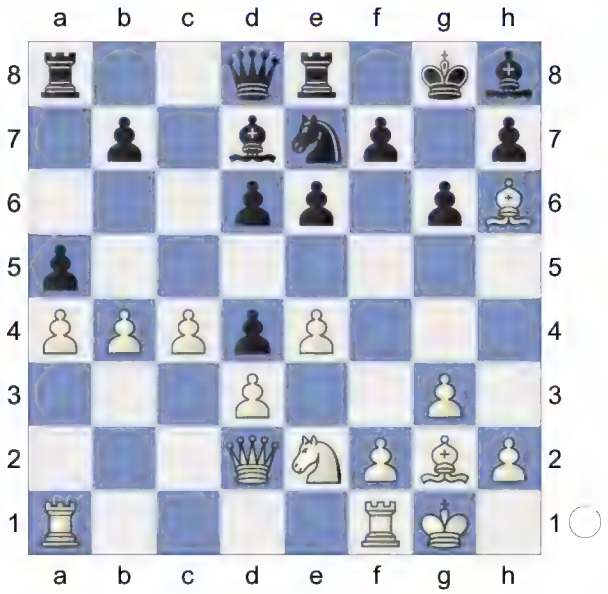
A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7 **1.e4 e6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3**
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Nc3 e5 8.Qd3 Bc5 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.Qxe3 Qb6 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.0-0-0 Ke7 13.Be2 d6 14.Rd2 Be6 15.b3 g5 16.Kb2 g4 17.Bd3 h5 Osnos,V (2775)-Gazi,M (2785) Sautron 2023 CT-2292 [John Watson] ½-½ (40)]
3...Nc6 4.d3N
[4.f4 Nge7 *(4...Nh6 5.Nf3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 a6 8.d3 Rb8 9.h3 d6 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qd2 Qe7 12.f5 Nxf5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.Rae1 b5 15.Bd1 b4 16.Ne2 e5 17.Bh6 f6 18.Nh4 f4 19.Bxg7* Loewe,E-Wyvill,M London 1851 0-1*; 4...g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Be2 a6 7.d3 Nf6 8.Be3 b6 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 Ng4 11.Bd2 f5 12.h3 Nf6 13.exf5 exf5 14.Rb1 Nh5 15.Kh2 Nf6 16.b4 d6 17.Ng5 h6 18.Bf3 d5 19.Nxd5* Von Heydebrand Und der Lasa,T-Mayet,C Berlin 1844 EXT 2018 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (32)*)* 5.Nf3 d5 6.e5 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nf5 8.0-0 a6 9.a4 Be7 10.Kh1 h5 11.Ne4 h4 12.Ra3 b6 13.Rd3 Qc7 14.Nfg5 Ncd4 15.Rh3 Bb7 16.d3 Rh6 17.Be3 b5 18.Ba2 Qa5 Schafer,H-Slobodjan,R Opole 74/602 1950 CBM 91-C47 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (42)]
4...g6 5.g3 Bg7



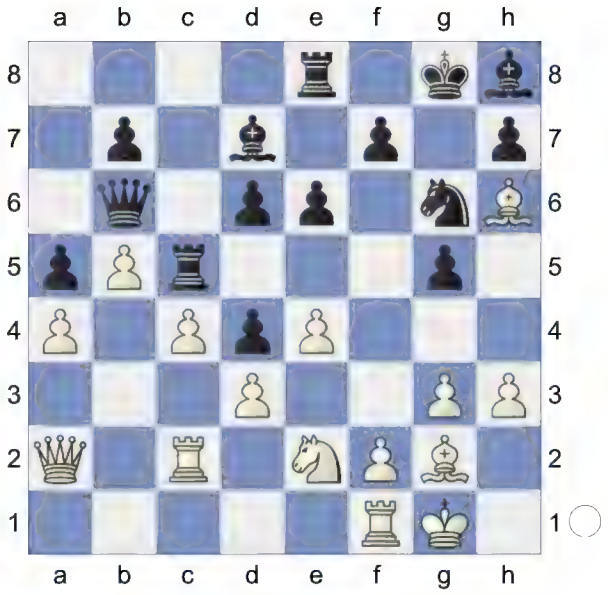
6.Bg2 Nge7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Qd2 Re8

(Diagram)

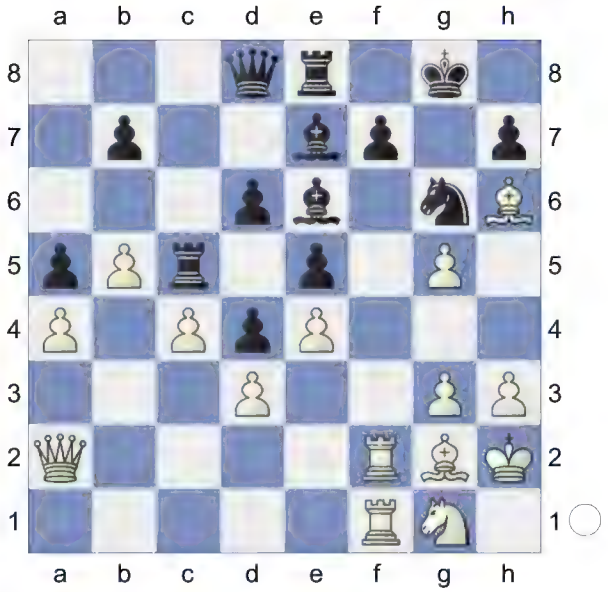
11.Bh6 Bh8
[11...Bxh6 keeps more tension. 12.Qxh6 Rb8 13.h4 Nec6]
12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Ne2 Bd7 14.b4 The position is equal. **14...a6 15.a4 a5** 0.54/19
[15...e5= 0.23/18]



16.b5± Qb6 17.Qa2 &Bianco is more active. **17...Rac8 18.Rac1 Rc5 19.Rc2 g5** 0.94/20
[19...Qd8± 0.50/17 was preferrable.]
20.h3 Ng6

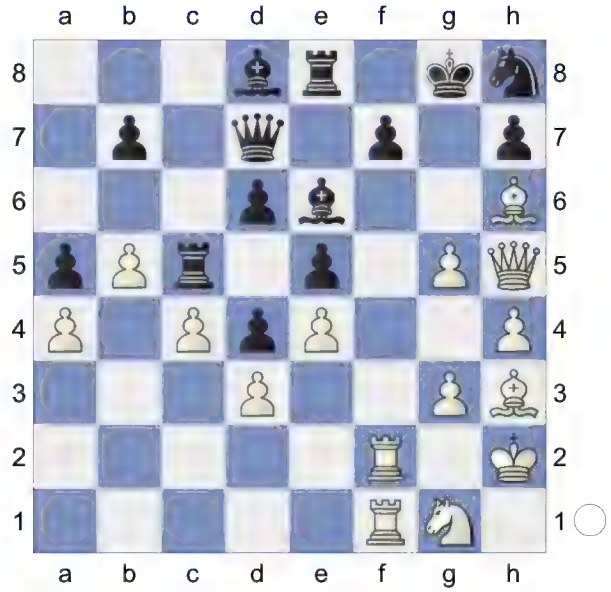


21.f4 Bf6 0.78/20
[21...d5± 0.41/19]
22.Kh2± White stays focused until the end. **22...e5** 1.84/21
[22...gxf4± 1.03/19 23.Nxf4 Bg5]
23.fxg5+- Be7 2.58/19
[23...Bg7 1.86/22 was worth a try. 24.Bxg7 Kxg7]
24.Ng1 Qd8 25.Rcf2 Be6

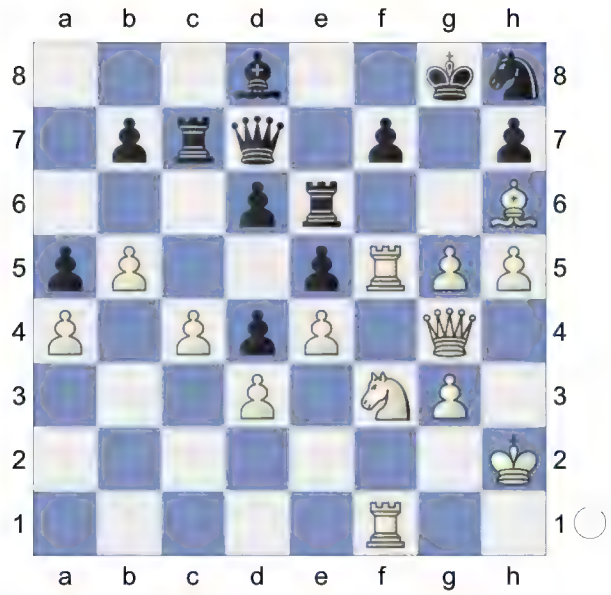


26.Qd2 Kh8 27.h4 Kg8 28.Bh3
[But not 28.h5 Nh8 29.Bh3 Qd7 30.Bxe6 Qxe6+-]
28...Nh8 29.Qe2 Qd7 30.Qh5

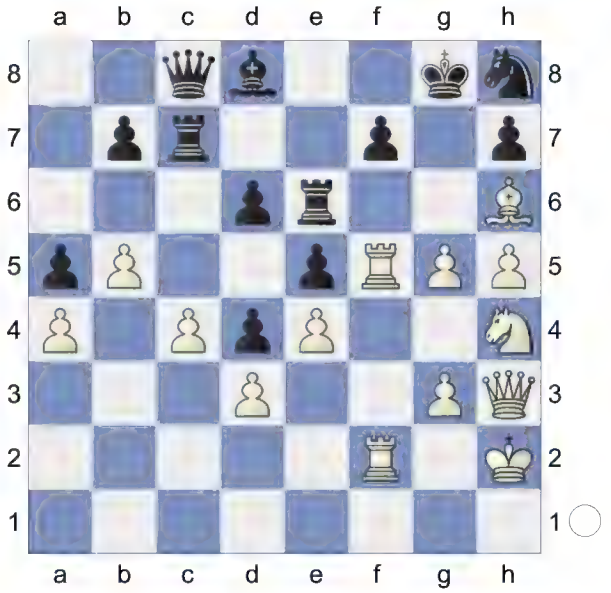
Black must now prevent Rxf7! **30...Bd8**



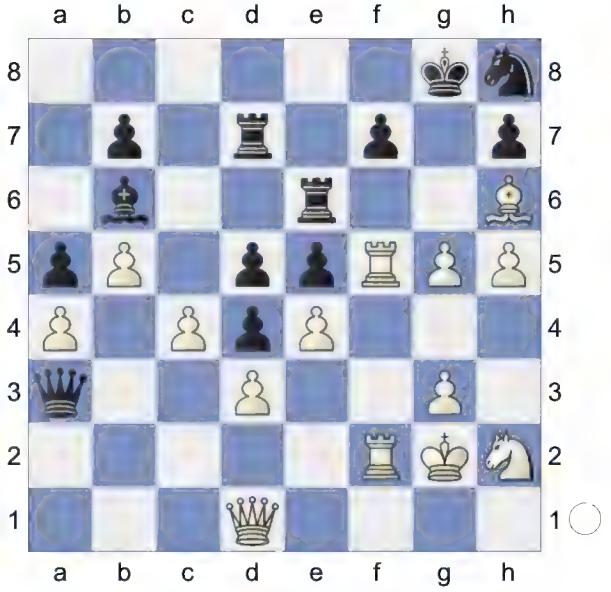
31.Bf5 Ng6 7.09/23
[⌓31...Rc7 4.17/20 32.Bg7 Bxf5 33.exf5 *(33.Rxf5 Kxg7 34.Nh3 Re6=)* 33...f6 34.gxf6 Qf7]
32.Qg4 Bxf5 33.Rxf5 Re6 11.19/24
[⌓33...Re7 4.75/22 34.h5 b6]
34.h5 4.92/23
[⌓34.Rxf7 11.19/24 White wants to mate with Rf8+. Qxf7 35.Rxf7 Kxf7 36.Qf5+ Ke7 37.h5]
34...Nh8 35.Nf3 Rc7



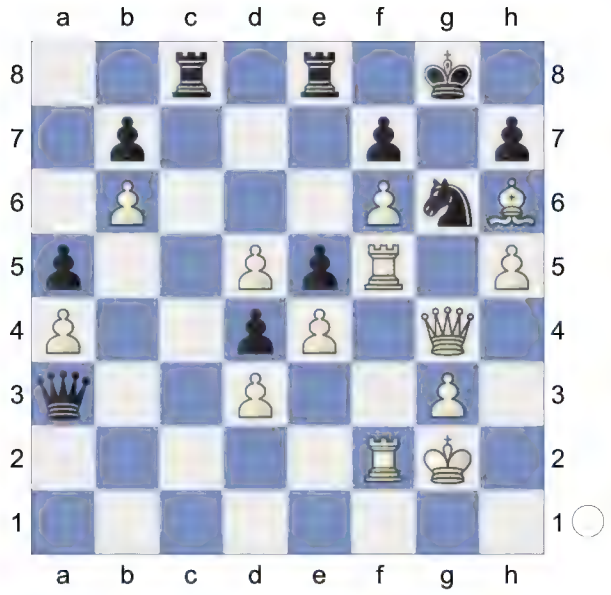
36.Nh4 aiming for g6! **36...Be7** 11.47/25
[⌓36...b6 4.87/23 37.Kg2 Ra7]
37.Qf3 4.24/22
[⌓37.g6 11.47/25 Rxg6 38.hxg6 Nxg6 39.b6]
37...Qe8 8.25/24
[⌓37...Bd8 4.24/22 38.Kg1 b6]
38.Rf2 Bd8 39.Qg4 Qd7 40.Qh3 Qc8



41.Qf1 Rd7 42.Kg2 Qc5 6.64/21
[⌓42...Rc7 4.39/19 43.Qe2 Re8]
43.Nf3 Qa3 44.Qd1 Bb6 45.Nh2 d5

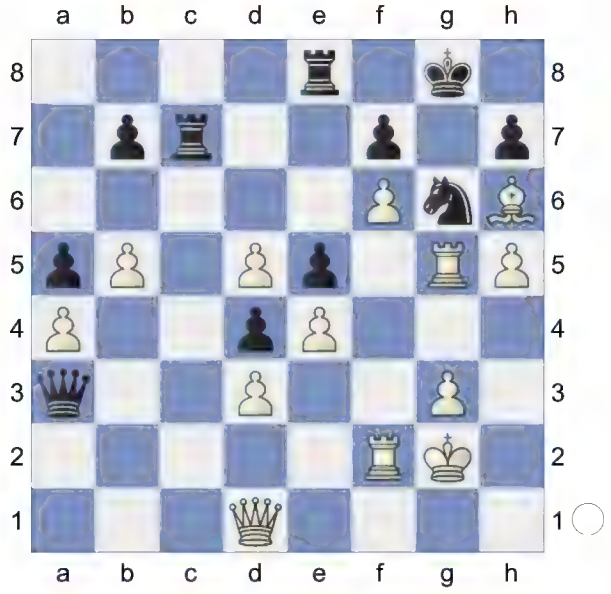


46.cxd5 Re8 47.Ng4 Bd8 48.Nf6+ Bxf6 49.gxf6 Rc7 50.Rg5+ 10.96/5
[⌓50.Qg4+ #9/18 Ng6 51.b6 Rcc8



52.Rxe5!! Red8 53.hxg6 hxg6 54.Qh4 Qa1 55.Bg7]

50...Ng6



51.hxg6 hxg6 52.Bg7 Rc1

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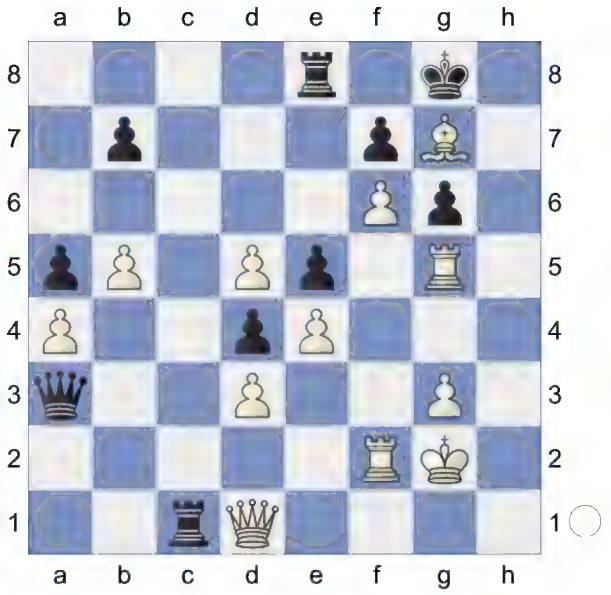
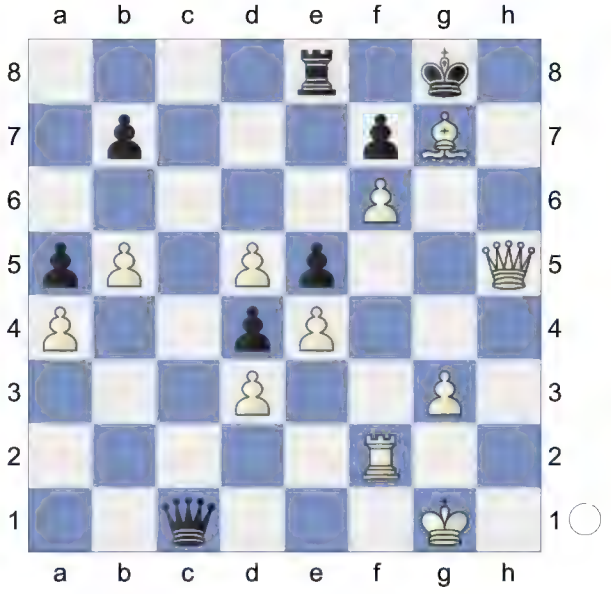


53.Rh5!! gxh5 54.Qxh5 White mates.
54...Rg1+ 55.Kxg1 Qc1+



56.Kg2 Qh1+ 57.Kxh1 Rc8 58.Qh8#

(Diagram)

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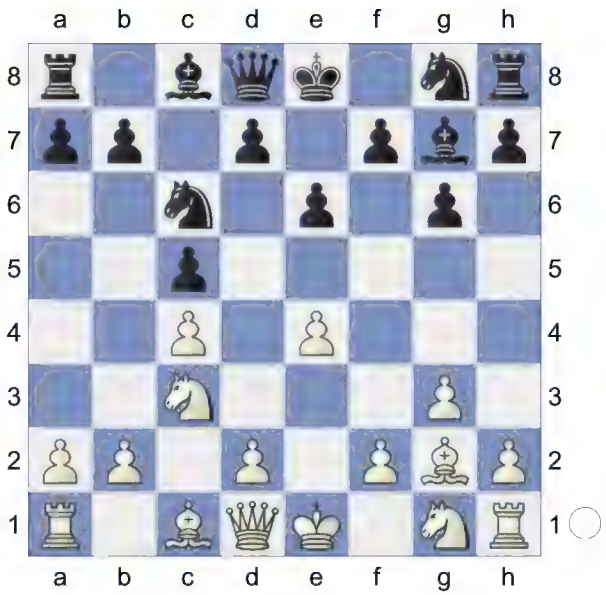
106 **A36**
□ **Kurpnieks,Vairis** **1888**
■ **Kupsys,Alfonsas** **2531**
corr Baltic Club Chess Championship
[Kitty Kat]

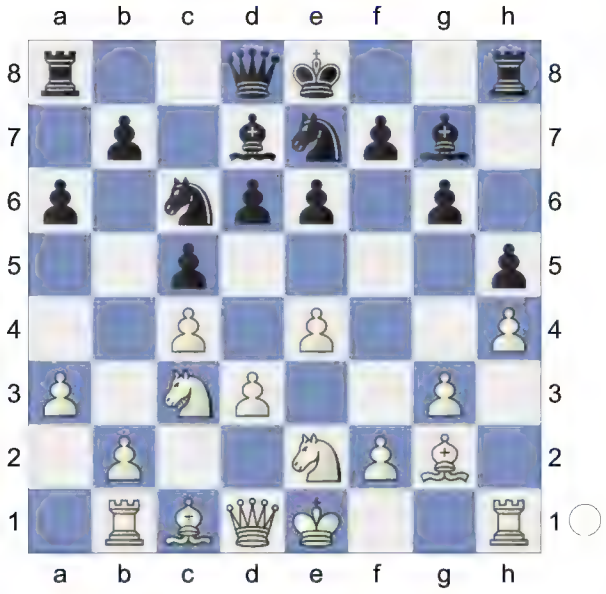
A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7
Krasenkow,M: 'Inf 69/43' **1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e6**

(Diagram)



6.d3 Nge7 7.h4
[7.Nge2 d6 8.Be3 Nd4 9.Rb1 Nec6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qd2 Rb8 12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 Qf6 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Qe3 b5 16.f4 Qd8 17.e5 Nf5 18.Qf2 dxe5 19.g4 Nh4 20.cxb5 Nxg2 21.Kxg2 Bb7+ 0-1 (48) Strauss (2298)-Ettlinger (2479) 35/527 Plovdiv 1983 (10)]
7...h5N
[7...h6 8.Be3 Nd4 9.Nge2 Nec6 10.a3 d6 11.Rb1 a5 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.0-0 0-0 14.a4 Nb4 15.Nb5 b6 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.Ne2 e5 19.f4 h5 20.Rf2 Bh6 21.Rbf1 Bg4 22.Bf3 ½-½ (57) Aleksandrov,A (2654)-Kallio,H (2502) EU-ch 3rd Batumi 2002 (11) Bxf3 23.Rxf3 f5 24.Nc1 Rb7 25.Qg2 Rbf7 26.Nb3 Qe7 27.Re1 fxe4 28.Rxe4 Qd7 29.Nd2 exf4 30.Nxd4 d5 31.cxd5 Qxd5 32.Ne6 Rc8 33.Nxf4 Bxf4 34.Rfxf4 Rc1+ 35.Nf1 Nxd3 36.Rxf7+ Qxf7 37.Qe2 0-1 (57) Aleksandrov,A (2615)-Krasenkow,M (2615) New York op 1997]
8.Rb1 a6 9.a3 The position is equal.
9...d6 10.Nge2 Bd7 0.36/21

[10...0-0= -0.07/19]

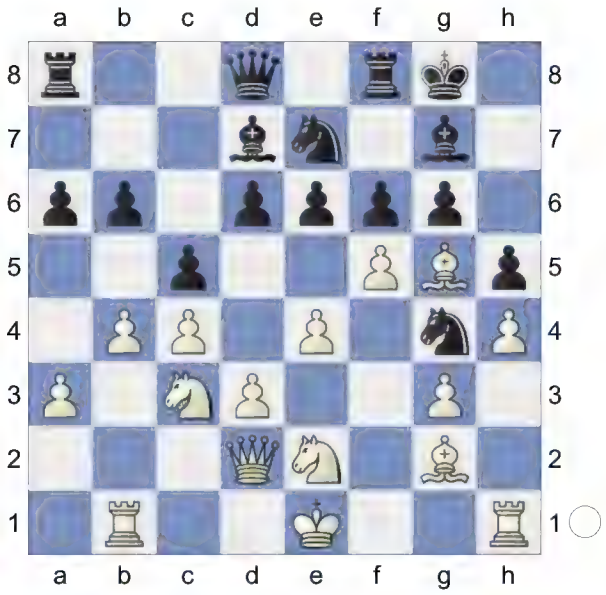


11.b4± b6 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Qd2 Ne5 14.f4 -0.90/20

[14.0-0!= 0.30/18 remains equal.]

Black converts the advantage convincingly. **14...Ng4∓ 15.f5 f6**

[15...gxf5 16.exf5 exf5 17.0-0± *(17.Bxa8 Qxa8 18.0-0 cxb4±)*]



16.fxe6 -2.02/18

[16.Be3∓ -0.87/18 keeps fighting.]

16...fxg5-+

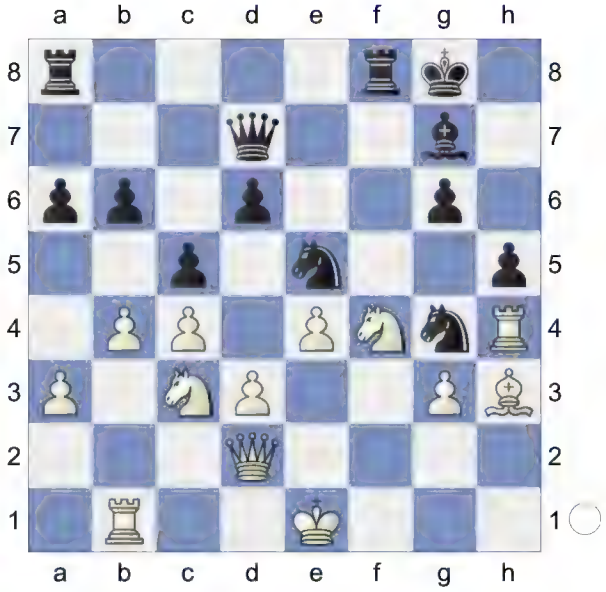
[16...Bxe6 17.Be3=]

17.exd7 gxh4 18.Rxh4 Qxd7 19.Bh3 -2.42/19

[⌓19.Nf4 -1.68/15]

19...Nc6 ...Nce5 would now be deadly.

20.Nf4 Nce5

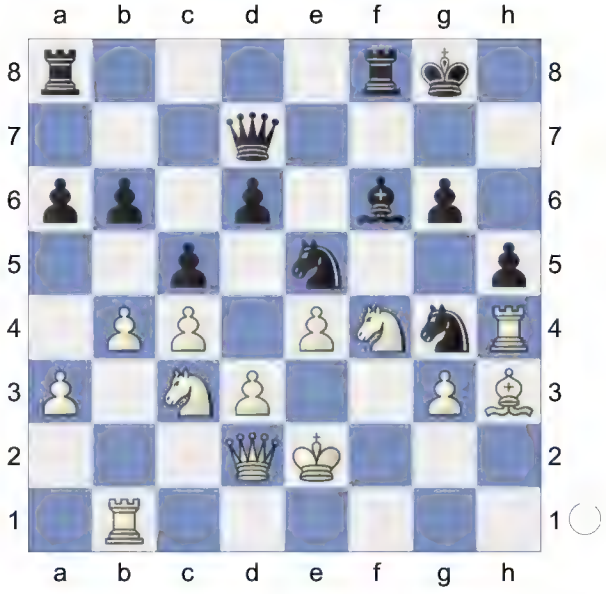


21.Ke2 Prevents Nf3.

[21.Bxg4? hxg4 22.Kd1 Nf3-+]

21...Bf6

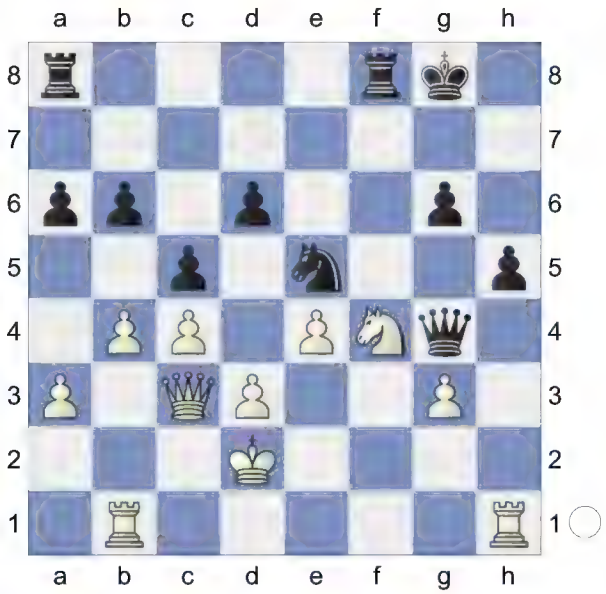
[21...g5 22.Rxh5 gxf4 23.gxf4∓]



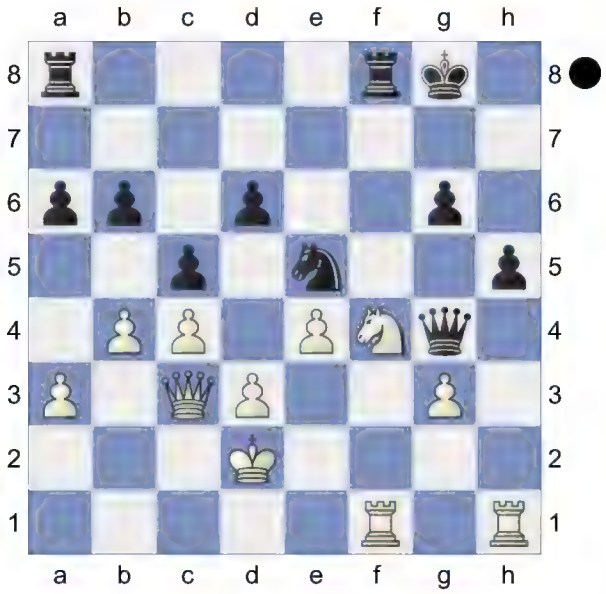
Trapped Piece **22.Bxg4 Nxg4 23.Rhh1** -3.36/18

[⌓23.Ncd5 -2.34/16 Bxh4 24.gxh4]

23...Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Ne5 25.Kd2 Qg4



26.Rbf1



h4! 27.d4

[27.Rxh4 Qxg3 28.Rh3 Qg4-+ *(28...Qg5? 29.Kc2-+)*]

27...hxg3

[27...cxd4 28.Qxd4 Qxg3 *(28...hxg3 29.Qd5+ Nf7 30.Nxg6=)* 29.Rhg1 *(29.Rh3? Qg4-+)* 29...Qxa3 30.Rxg6+ Nxg6 31.Rg1=]

28.Rhg1? -5.61/23

[28.dxe5 -3.10/17 was the only defense. g2 *(28...Rxf4? 29.e6+-)* 29.Nxg2 Qxg2+ 30.Ke1 Qxe4+ 31.Kd1 dxe5 *(31...Qxe5? 32.Qxe5 dxe5 33.Ke2∓; 31...Rxf1+? 32.Rxf1 dxe5 33.Re1-+)* 32.Kc1]

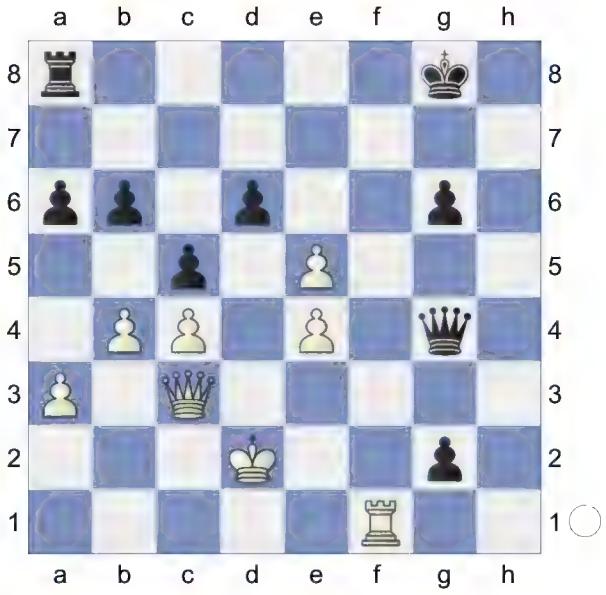
28...Rxf4 Black is clearly winning.

29.dxe5 Rxf1 Deflection

[Weaker is 29...Rxe4 30.Qxg3 Qe2+ 31.Kc1 Rxc4+ *(31...Rxe5 32.Qxg6+ Kh8 33.Qh6#; 31...Qxc4+?* perishes. *32.Kb1+-)* 32.Kb1 Qe4+ *(32...dxe5 33.Qxg6+ Kh8 34.Qh6#)* 33.Ka1 Qd4+ 34.Kb1 Qe4+ *(34...dxe5 35.Qxg6+ Kh8 36.Qh6#)* 35.Ka1 Qd4+ 36.Kb1 Qe4+=]

30.Rxf1 g2

[30...Qxe4 31.Qxg3 dxe5 *(31...Qxe5 32.Qxg6+ Qg7 33.Qe6+ Kh8 34.Rh1+)* 32.Qd3 Qxd3+ 33.Kxd3∓]



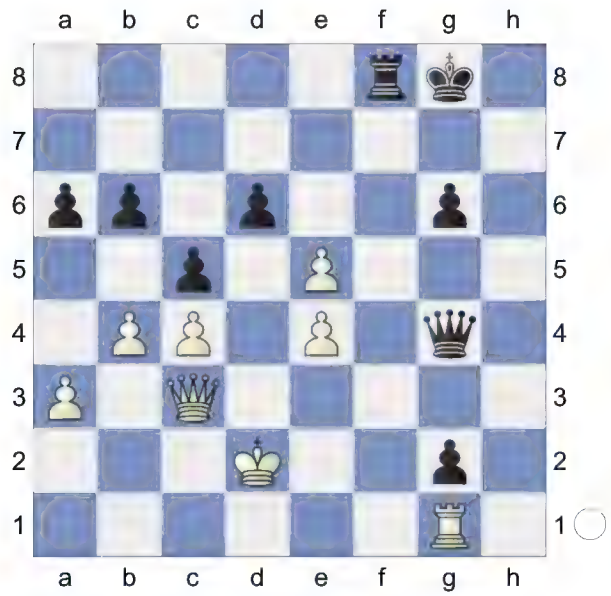
31.Rg1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.07 (flawless)

31...Rf8

[31...Qxe4? 32.Qd3 Qf4+ *(32...Qxe5 33.Qxg6+ Kf8 34.Rxg2=)* 33.Kd1 Qg4+ *(33...dxe5*

34.Qxg6+ Kf8 35.Qd6+ Kf7 36.Qd5+ Kf6 37.Qxa8=) 34.Kc2-+]



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107 **A26**

□ **Botvinnik,Mikhail**

■ **Euwe,Max**

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[TA]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3

1.c4 Kitty Kat **1...g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nc3 e5 5.d3 Ne7**

(Diagram)

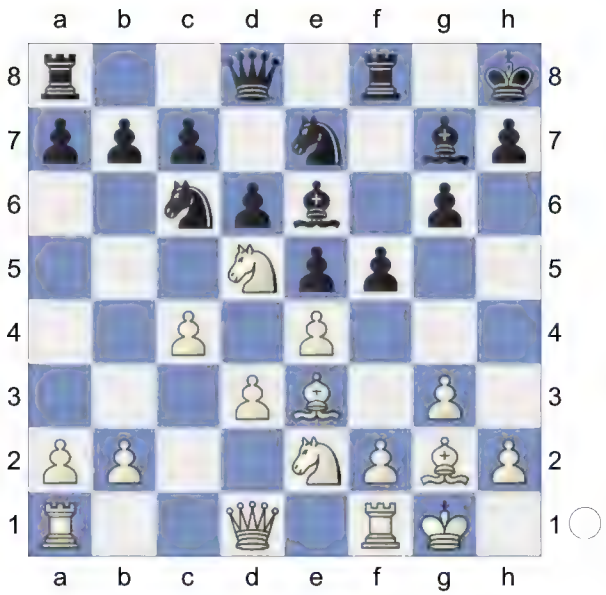
6.e4 0-0 7.Nge2 Nbc6 8.0-0 f5 9.Nd5 Kh8N

[9...h6 10.Bd2 Be6 11.b4 Qd7 12.b5 Nd8 13.Rb1 Nf7 14.Rb3 Rab8 15.Ra3 fxe4 16.dxe4 c6 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Rxa7 Ra8 19.Qa4 Rxa7 20.Qxa7 cxb5 21.cxb5 Bc4 22.Re1 Bxb5 23.Nc3 Bc6 24.Nd5 1-0 (48) Kroll,O-Martin,B FIN jub30-C corr9196 1991]

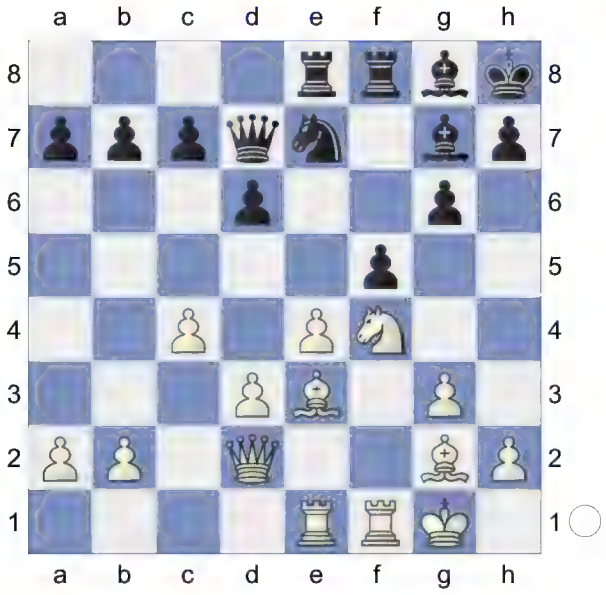
[9...Be6 10.Be3 h6 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Rac1 Ng8 13.b4 Nd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.Ndf4 Bc8 16.exf5 gxf5 17.c5 c6 18.a4 Ne7 19.Qa2 a5 20.b5 dxc5 21.Rxc5 Qd6 22.Rfc1 Bd7 23.bxc6 Nxc6 24.Qb3 1-0 (40) Miezis,N (2532)-Praytino,S (2391) Wotulo Mem Jakarta INA 2001 (5)]

10.Be3 Be6

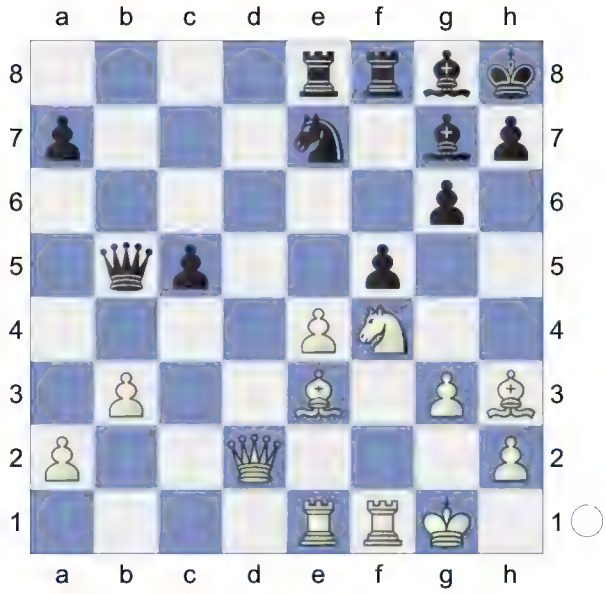
(Diagram)



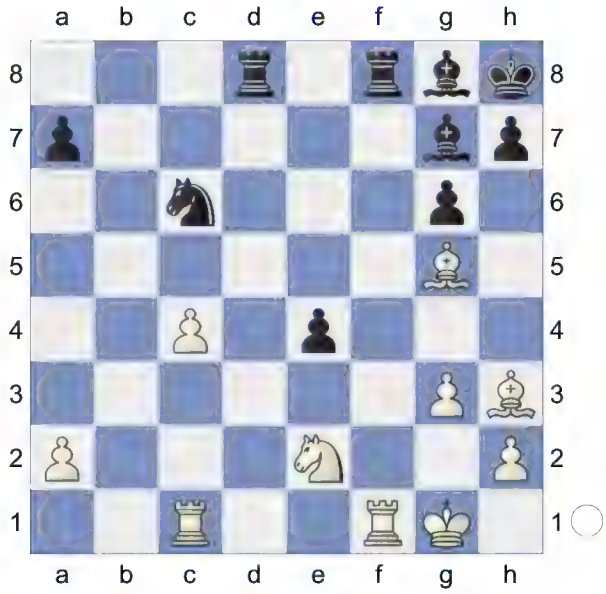
11.Qd2 Qd7 White is slightly better.
12.Rae1 White is much more active.
12...Rae8 13.f4 exf4 14.Nexf4 Bg8 15.Nxe7 0.19/18
[15.b3± 0.63/18]
15...Nxe7=



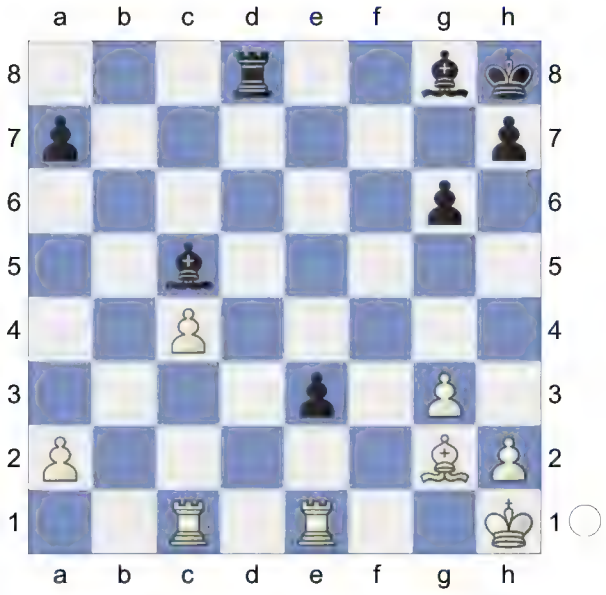
16.Bh3
[16.Bxa7 b6 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Rxe8 Rxe8∓]
16...b5 17.b3
[17.Bxa7 c5 18.Bb6 Qb7-+ Kitty Kat: '∓' *(18...bxc4 19.Ba5∓)*]
17...c5 18.d4 Qc6 0.66/19
[18...bxc4= 0.19/20 Kitty Kat 19.dxc5 Rd8]
19.cxb5
[19.d5!? Kitty Kat Qb6 20.Bg2±]
19...Qxb5 20.dxc5 dxc5



21.Rc1 Rd8! 22.Qe2
[22.Rxc5 Kitty Kat: '?' Qxc5 23.Bxc5 Rxd2-+]
22...Qxe2 23.Nxe2 c4 24.bxc4 Nc6 25.Bg5 fxe4 1.19/19
[25...Rde8± 0.46/18]
[25...Rc8± 0.42/19 Kitty Kat]

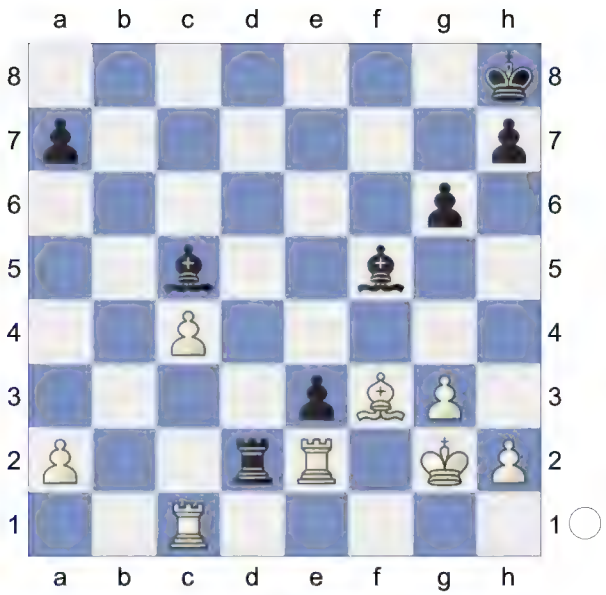


26.Bxd8± Rxd8 27.Bg2 1.09/18
[⌓27.Rfd1 1.57/21]
27...Nd4 28.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 29.Kh1 e3 30.Rfe1 and Rcd1 should not be overlooked Kitty Kat: ' Rcd1 is the strong threat.' **30...Bc5** 1.37/22
[⌓30...Kg7 0.84/20]

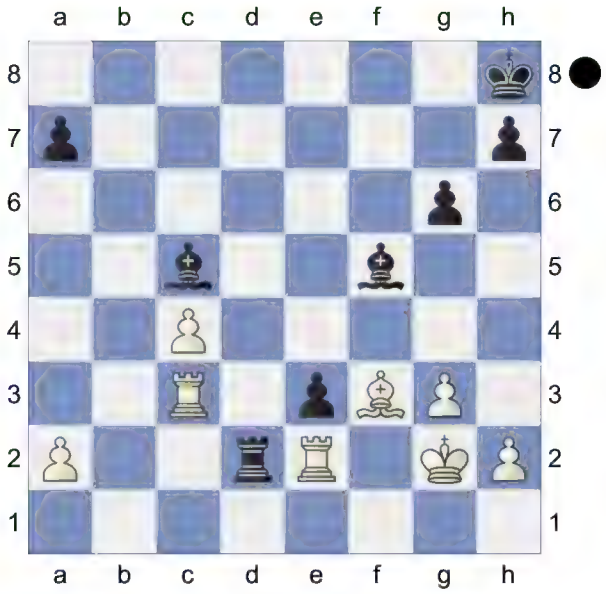


31.Bf3 0.60/18
[31.Bd5!± 1.37/22]
31...Be6± 32.Kg2 Prevents Bh3+ Kitty Kat: ' Inhibits Bh3+.' **32...Rd2+** 0.96/18
[32...h5± 0.54/19 feels stronger. Kitty Kat: ' might be stronger.']
33.Re2± Bf5 1.31/22
[Black should try 33...Rd8 0.89/18 Kitty Kat: '⌓']

(Diagram)

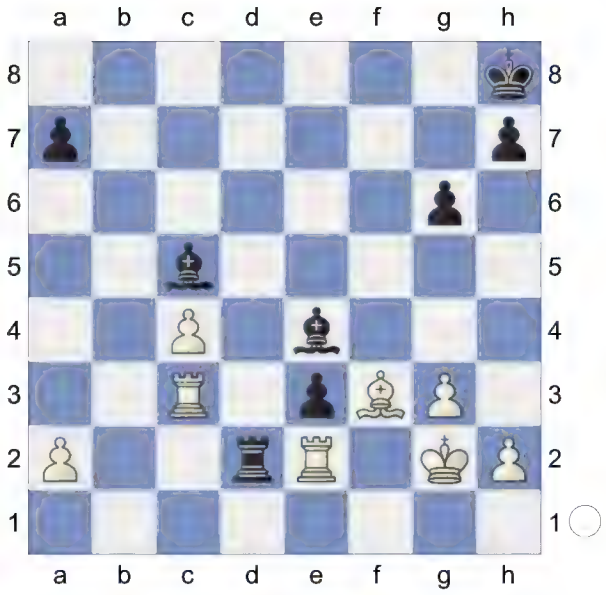


34.Rc3? -4.17/30
[34.Rce1!± 1.31/22 stays on course. Kitty Kat: ' and life is bright.']



Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.21 (precise)
Kitty Kat: '
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
' **34...Be4!**

(Diagram)



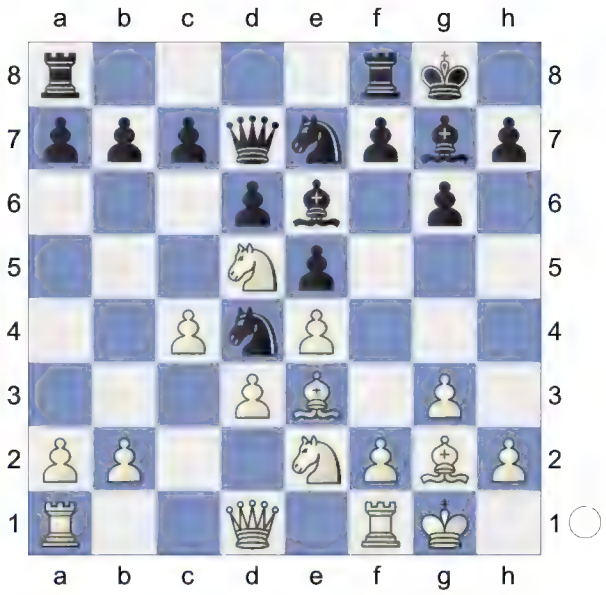
Deflection. Loss on time!?
1-0

108 **A26**
□ **Botvinnik,Mikhail**
■ **Bronstein,David Ionovich**
World-ch18 Botvinnik-Bronstein +5-5=14..
[TA]

A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3
1.c4 Kitty Kat **1...g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.d3 Ne7**

(Diagram)

6.e4 0-0 7.Nge2 Nbc6 8.0-0 Be6 9.Nd5 Qd7 10.Be3 Nd4



11.Nxd4 exd4

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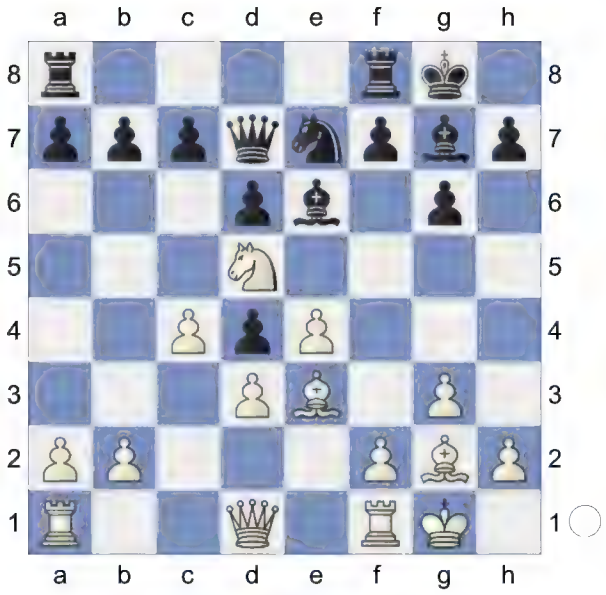
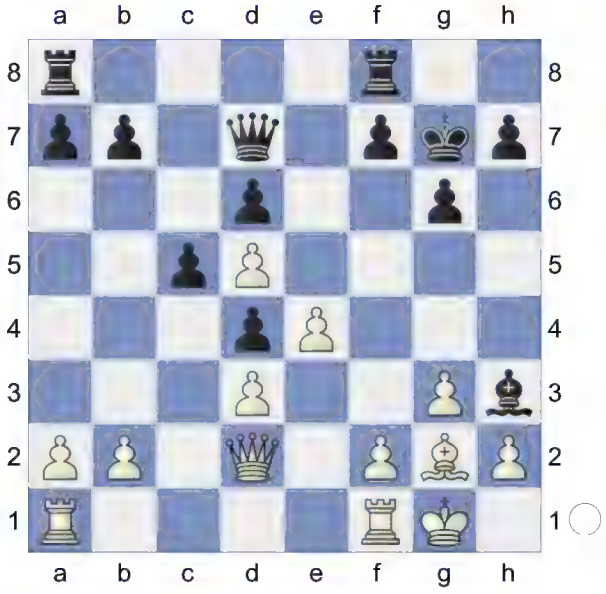
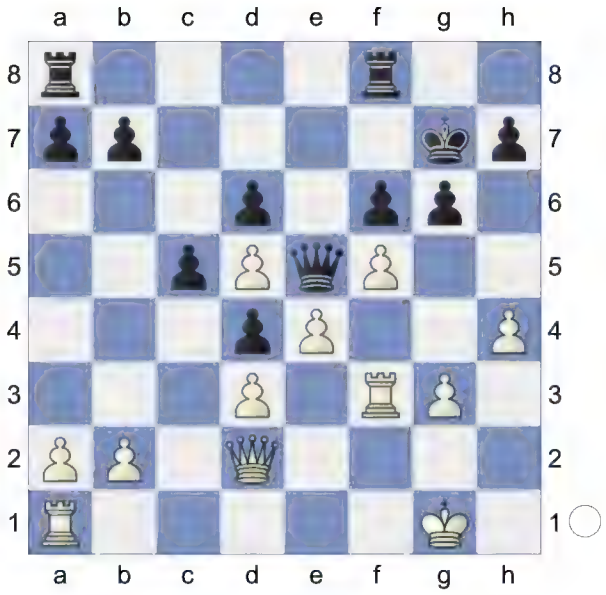


12.Bh6 0.40/22 White is more active. **12...c5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Qd2 Nxd5** White is slightly better. **15.cxd5 Bh3**

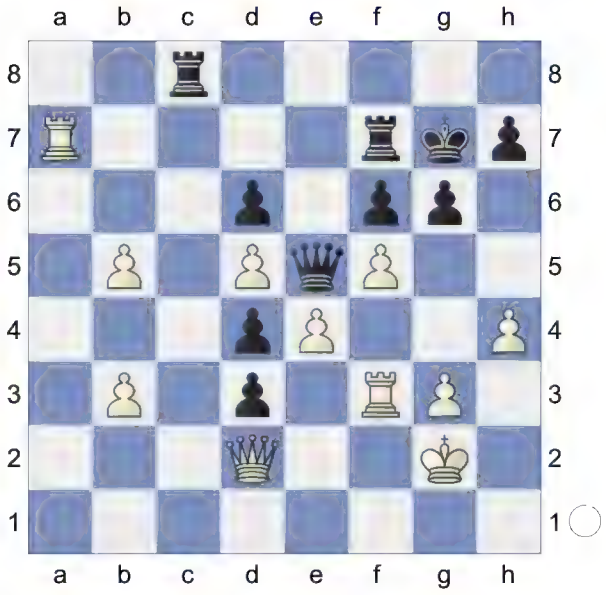


16.Bxh3 Qxh3 17.f4 Qd7 0.79/22
[17...f6± 0.31/22 Kitty Kat: '=']
18.f5N f6 19.h4 Qe7 20.Rf3 0.48/21
[20.Rf4± 0.84/20]
20...Qe5 0.82/19
[20...c4± 0.41/19 Kitty Kat]

(Diagram)



21.Kg2 Rac8 22.b3 b5 23.a4 c4 1.54/20 Kitty Kat: '?'
[⌓23...bxa4 0.97/19 Kitty Kat: '⩲!' 24.Rxa4 Rf7 *(24...Rc7* Kitty Kat *)*]
24.axb5 Kitty Kat: '+-' **24...cxd3 25.Rxa7+ Rf7**



26.Rxf7+ Kxf7 27.fxg6+
[27.Qxd3 Kitty Kat gxf5 28.Rxf5 Rc3 29.Rxe5 Rxd3±]
27...hxg6 28.Qxd3+- Endgame KQR-KQR. White is two pawns up. **28...Rc3?** 3.10/28
[28...g5± 1.55/23 Kitty Kat: '⌓'

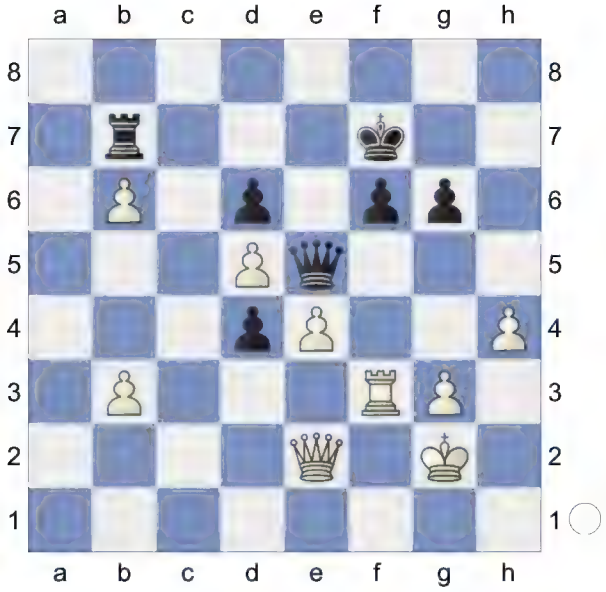
29.hxg5 Rc3]

29.Qe2 Rc7 4.24/22

[⌓29...Rc8 2.72/23 30.b6 f5]

[⌓29...Qh5 2.67/19 Kitty Kat 30.Kf2 d3 31.Rxd3 Qxe2+ 32.Kxe2 Rc5]

30.b6 Rb7



31.Qa6 Qe7 32.Kh2 Kg7 33.Rd3 g5 34.hxg5

[34.Rxd4 gxh4

A) 35.gxh4 Kh6+- Decoy *(35...f5+-* Kitty Kat *)*;

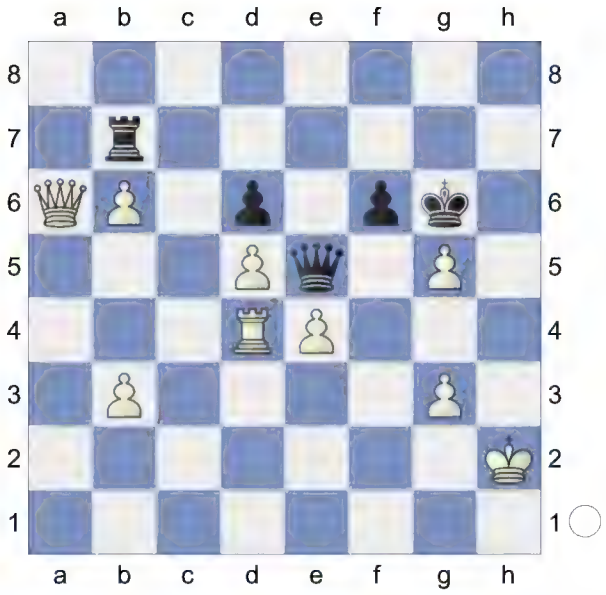
B) 35.e5 hxg3+ 36.Kh3 *(36.Kxg3 Qxe5+ 37.Rf4 Qe1+ 38.Rf2 Re7=)* 36...f5

B1) 37.Kxg3 Qxe5+ 38.Rf4 *(38.Kg2* Kitty Kat *Kg6=)* 38...Re7=;

B2) 37.exd6 Qd7+-]

34...Kg6 35.Rxd4 Qe5

(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...Rh7+. Kitty Kat: ' aiming for ...Rh7+.' **36.Qd3!**

[Less strong is 36.Qxb7 Qxd4

A) 37.Kh3 Qxe4 *(37...Qd1=* Kitty Kat *)* 38.gxf6 Qh1+ 39.Kg4 Qe4+ 40.Kh3 Qh1+ 41.Kg4 Qe4+ 42.Kh3=;

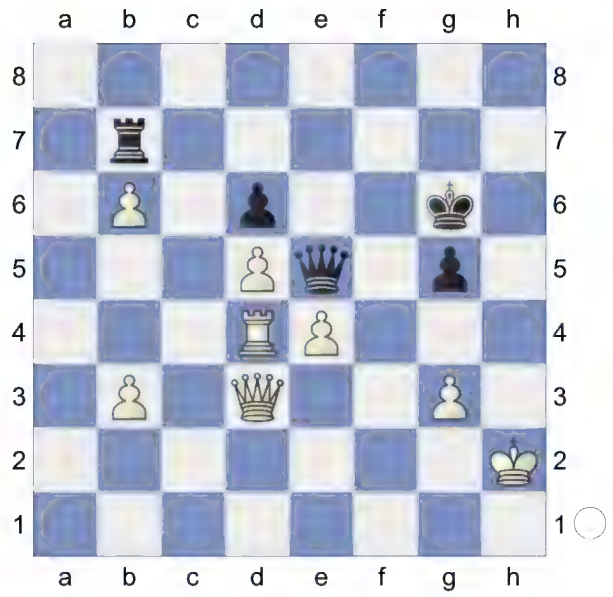
B) 37.Qa6

B1) 37...Qf2+ Kitty Kat 38.Kh1 *(38.Kh3 Qf3=)* 38...Qe1+ 39.Kg2 Qxe4+ 40.Kf2 Qd4+ 41.Ke2 Qb2+ 42.Ke3 Qc1+ 43.Ke4 Qe1+ 44.Kf3 Qc3+ 45.Kg4 f5+ 46.Kf4 *(46.Kh3 f4=)* 46...Qc2=;

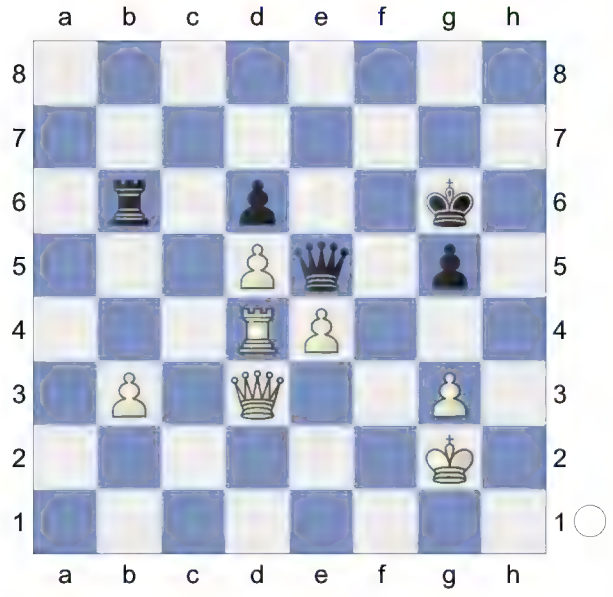
B2) 37...Qb2+ 38.Kg1 *(38.Kh3 Qb1±)* 38...Qxb3±]

36...fxg5

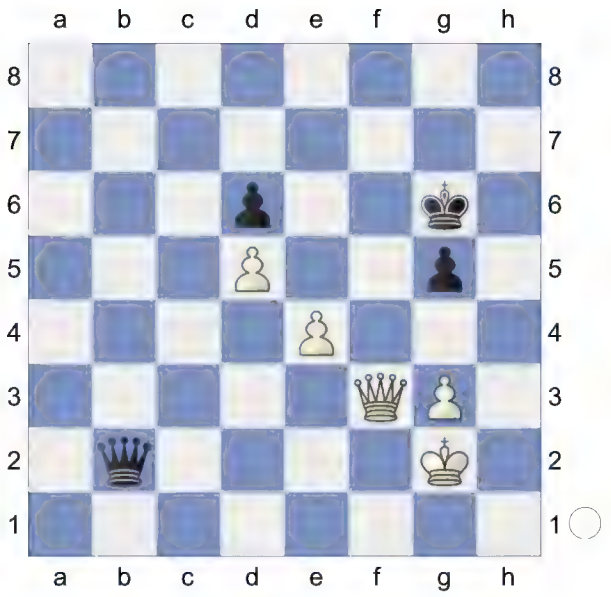
(Diagram)



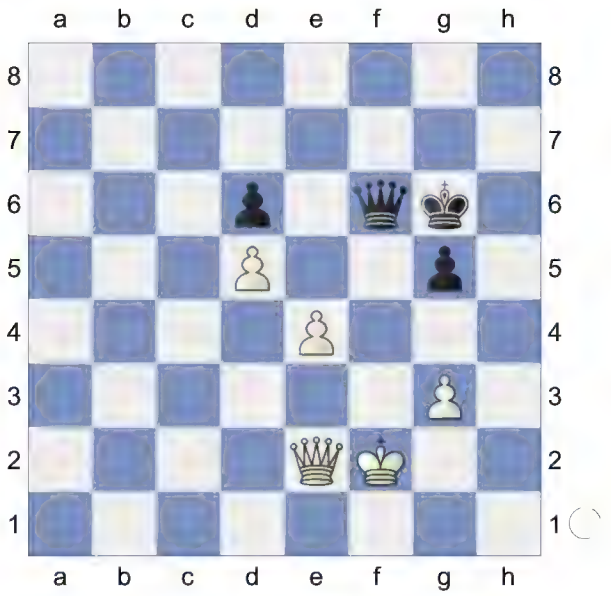
37.Kg2 0.89/23
[⌓37.Rc4! 1.45/23 Kitty Kat: '+-!' Kitty Kat: ' is more deadly.' Rxb6 38.Rc8]
37...Rxb6 1.33/21
[⌓37...g4 0.81/22 Kitty Kat]



38.Qe3 0.00/41
[Kitty Kat: ' White has to play' 38.Rc4!± 1.03/24]
38...Rxb3= Deflection. The position is equal. **39.Qxb3 Qxd4** KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **40.Qf3 Qb2+**
(Diagram)

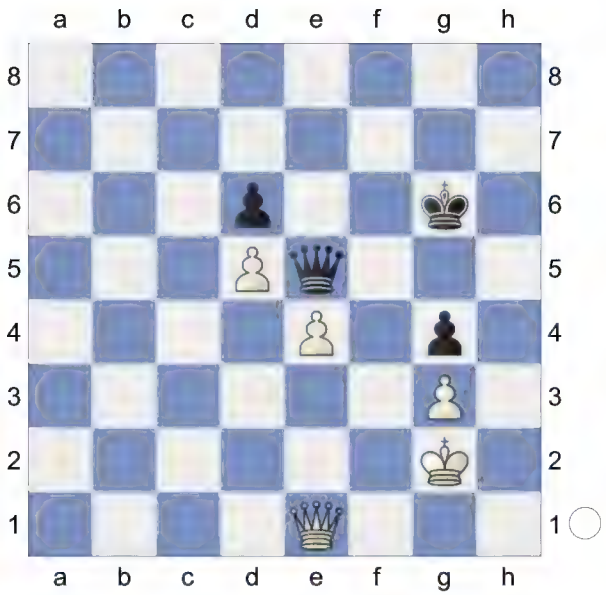


41.Qf2
[41.Kh3!? Qh8+□ 42.Kg2=]
41...Qe5 42.Qe2 Qd4 43.Kf3 Qf6+ 44.Ke3 Qc3+ 45.Kf2 Qf6+

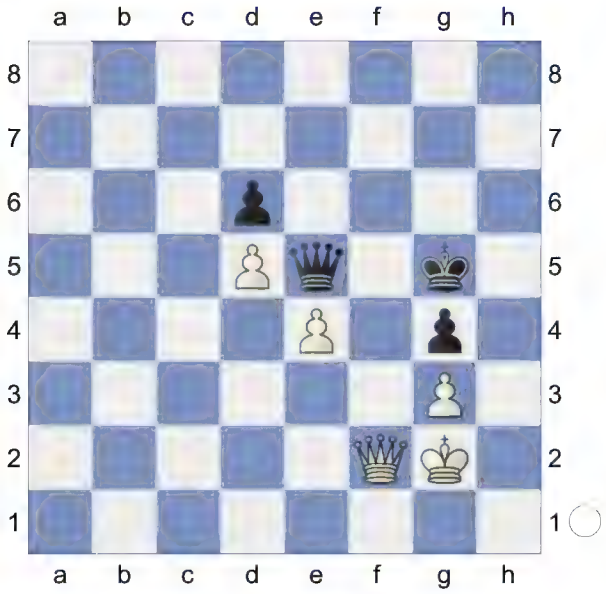


46.Kg1 Qa1+ 47.Kg2 Qd4 48.Qf3 Qb2+ Kitty Kat: '=' **49.Qf2**
[49.Kh3!? Qh8+□ 50.Kg2 Qb2+=]
49...Qe5 50.Qe1 g4

(Diagram)

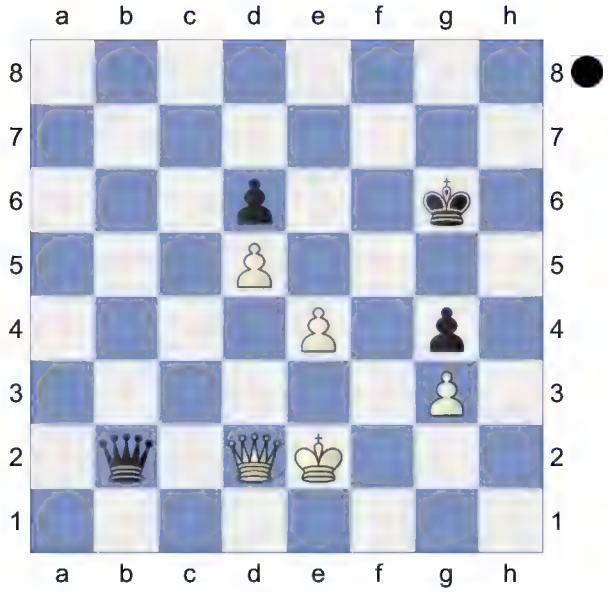


51.Qb4 Qf6 52.Qa3 Kh5 53.Qe3 Kg6 54.Qe2 Kg5 55.Qf2 Qxf6+ is the strong threat. Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for Qxf6+.'
55...Qe5



56.Qe3+ Kg6 57.Kf1
[57.Qf4!? Qb2+□ 58.Qf2= *(58.Kf1* Kitty Kat *Qb1+ 59.Kf2 Qc2+ 60.Ke1 Qc3+ 61.Ke2 Qc2+ 62.Ke1=)*]
57...Qf6+ 58.Ke2 Qb2+
Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
Kitty Kat: ' Black escapes into a draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
' **59.Qd2**



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109 **A18**
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■ **Steven,Johanna**
[Kitty Kat]

A18: English Opening: Flohr-Mikenas System (1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 e4)
Dorfman,J: 'Inf 27/31' **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 e5 4.g3 Nc6N**
[4...Bc5 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.a3 a5 8.0-0 h5 9.d3 Ng4 10.h4 Be6 11.Rb1 0-0 12.Nd5 a4 13.Nec3 f5 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Nxa4 Bxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Nxf2 17.Kxf2 fxe4+ 18.Kg1 Bg4 19.Qb3 0-1 (40) 8.Re1 b6-Ugolik,V 47/670 Barcelona 1989 Nd4 20.Qxb7 Nf3+ 21.Kh1 Nxg5 22.Nab6 cxb6 23.Qxd7 Bxd7 24.hxg5 exd3 25.Rd1 e4 26.Bxe4 Rae8 27.Bg2 Rf2 28.Rxd3 Re1+ 29.Kh2 Rxb2 30.g6 Bf5 31.Nf4 Bxd3 32.Nxd3 Ree2

33.Nxb2 Rxb2 34.Kh3 0-1 (40) 8.♖e1 b6-Ugolik,V 47/670 Barcelona 1989 Kf8 35.Bc6 Ke7 36.Kh4 Rb3 37.a4 Kf6 38.Be8 Re3 39.Bf7 Kf5 40.Kxh5 Rxg3 0-1 Katalymov,B-Zhidkov,V USSR 27/31 1979]

5.Bg2 Bc5

6.d3 d6 7.Nf3 -0.24/21

[⌓7.h3! 0.27/19]

7...0-0 8.0-0 The position is equal.

8...Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nd4

11.Qd1 c6 12.Na4 Nd7 0.11/19

[12...b5∓ -0.32/23 13.Nxc5 dxc5]

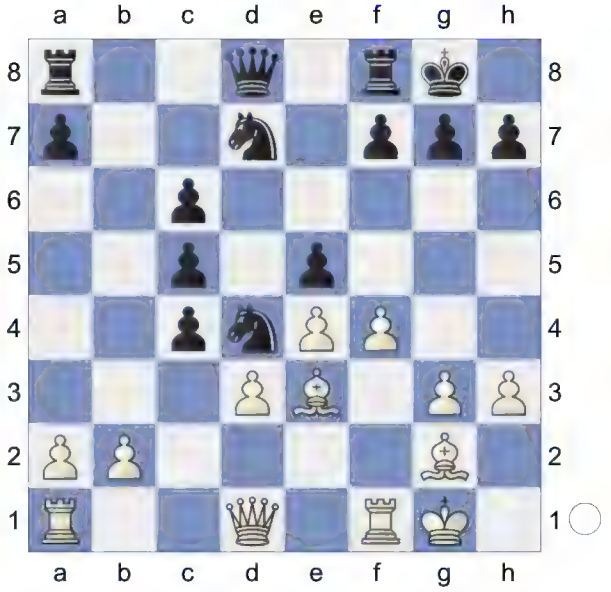
13.Be3 b5 0.73/24

[13...a6= 0.03/21 keeps the balance.]

14.Nxc5± dxc5 15.f4 -0.43/19

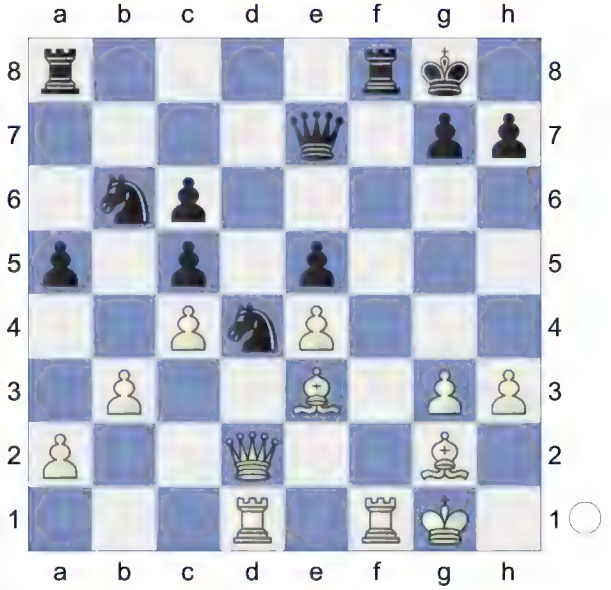
[15.Bxd4± 0.66/21 cxd4 16.cxb5 cxb5 17.Qd2]

15...bxc4∓



16.dxc4 a5 17.Qd2 f6 18.Rad1 Nb6

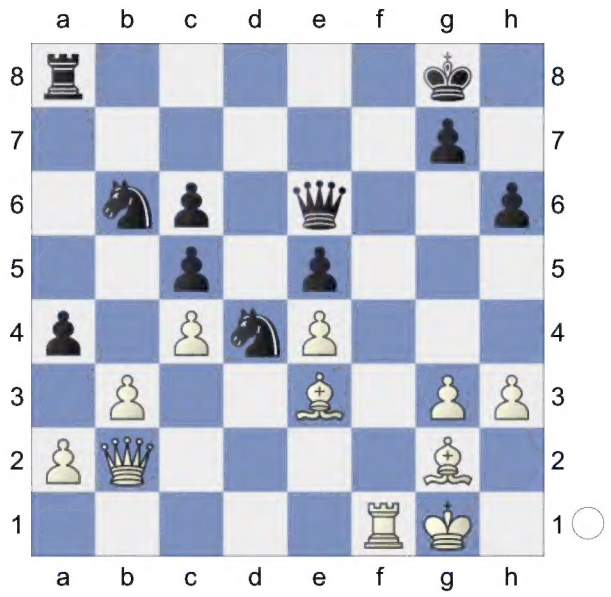
A dynamic duo of knights. **19.b3 Qe7 20.fxe5 fxe5**



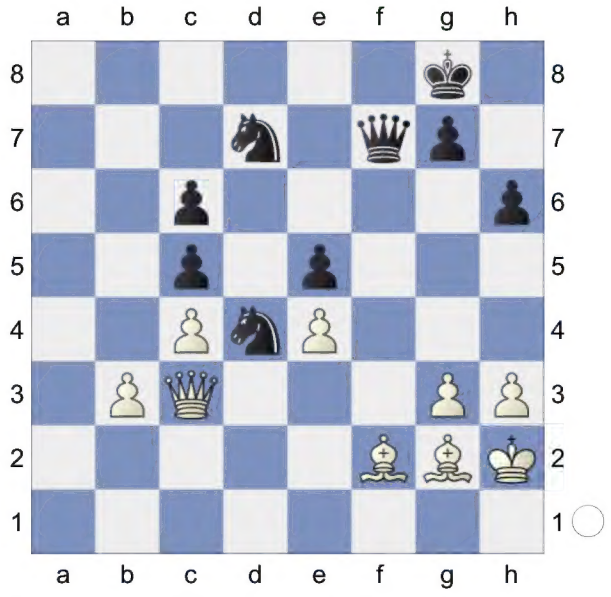
21.Rxf8+ Qxf8 22.Rf1 Qe7 23.Bg5 Qe6 24.Qb2 -0.99/23

[24.Kh2∓ -0.51/19 feels stronger.]

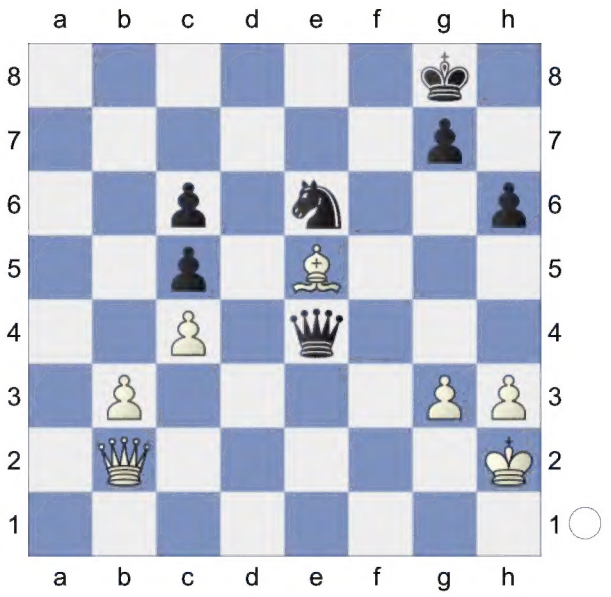
24...h6 25.Be3 a4



26.Kh2 axb3 27.axb3 Nd7 28.Qc3 Ra2 29.Rf2 Prevents Rc2. **29...Rxf2** -0.45/19
[Black should try 29...Ra3∓ -1.00/19 30.Rb2 Qd6]
30.Bxf2 Qf7

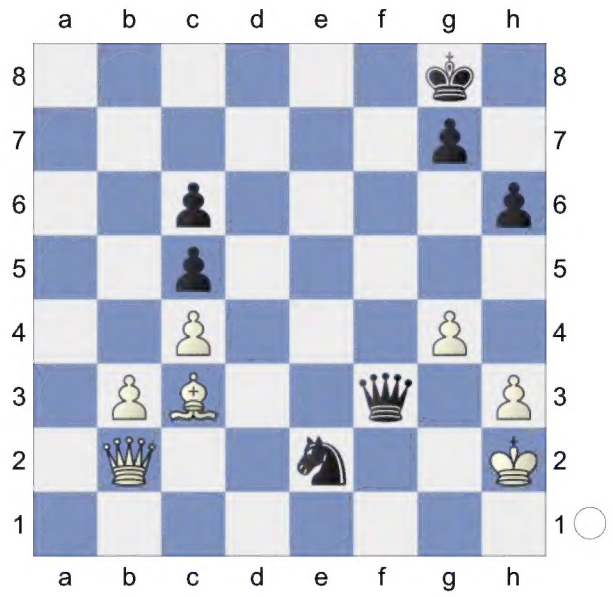


31.Be1 Nf8 32.Qb2 -0.92/22
[Better is 32.Kh1∓ -0.42/21]
32...Nf3+∓ 33.Bxf3 Qxf3 Endgame KQB-KQN **34.Bc3 Qxe4** -0.25/24 Black is more active.
[34...Ne6∓ -0.75/23 35.Bxe5 Qxe4]
35.Bxe5= Ne6



and ...Ng5 should not be overlooked
36.Bc3? -2.21/23
[36.h4!∓ -0.45/20]
36...Nd4 -0.84/21
[36...Ng5-+ -2.21/23 and Black stays clearly on top. 37.h4 Nf3+ 38.Kh3 h5]
37.g4? -3.73/19
[37.Bxd4∓ -0.84/21 was forced. cxd4 38.Qf2]
37...Qf4+ 38.Kg2 -8.74/23
[⌓38.Kg1 -5.19/23 Qe3+ *(38...Qg3+? 39.Kf1-+)* 39.Kf1 Qxh3+ 40.Ke1 Qg3+ *(40...Qxg4? 41.b4-+)* 41.Kd2 Qxg4 42.Bxd4 cxd4 *(42...Qxd4+? 43.Qxd4 cxd4 44.b4-+)* 43.b4 Qg2+ 44.Kc1 Qf1+ 45.Kd2 Qf2+ *(45...Qxc4? 46.Qa3-+)* 46.Kc1 Qxb2+ 47.Kxb2]
38...Qf3+-+ 39.Kh2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
39...Ne2

(Diagram)



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110 **A25**

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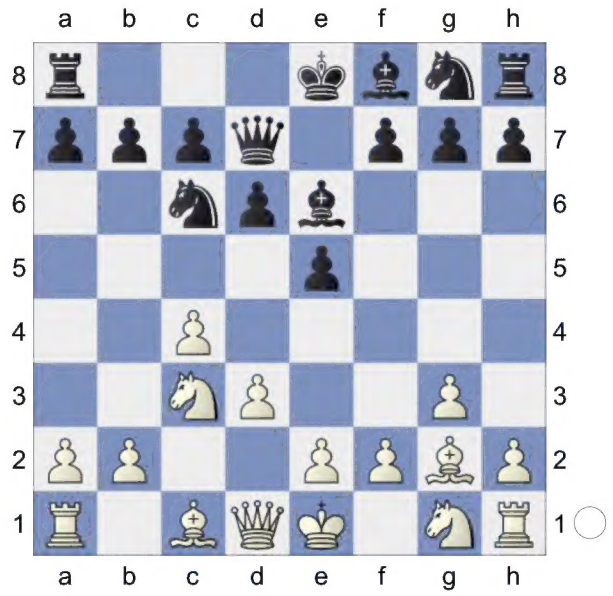
St. Hellier 1984

[Keller, CP 2/374]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nc3 Be6 5.d3 Qd7



6.e4 g6

[6...f5]

7.h4

[7.Be3]

7...Bg7

[7...h6 8.h5 g5]

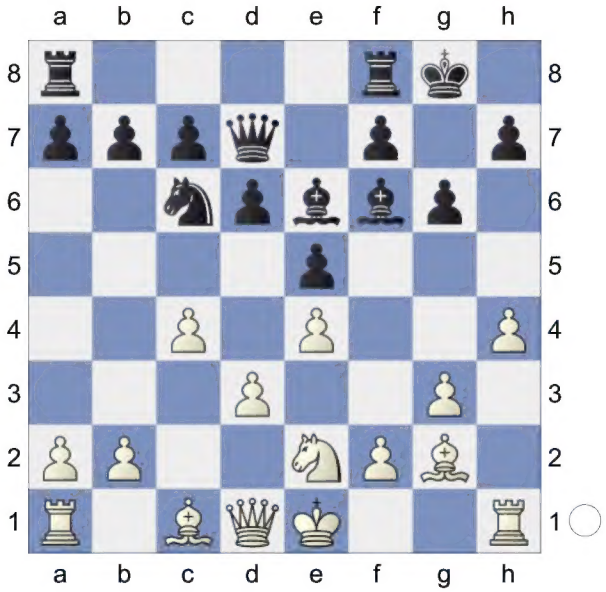
8.Nge2

[8.h5 gxh5]

8...Nf6 9.Nd5 0-0 10.Nxf6+

[10.Bh6 Bxd5 11.Bxg7 Bxe4 12.Bxf8 *(12.Bxf6 Bxg2 13.Qd2 Qf5)* 12...Bxg2 13.Rg1 Bf3 14.Bh6 Nd4]

10...Bxf6

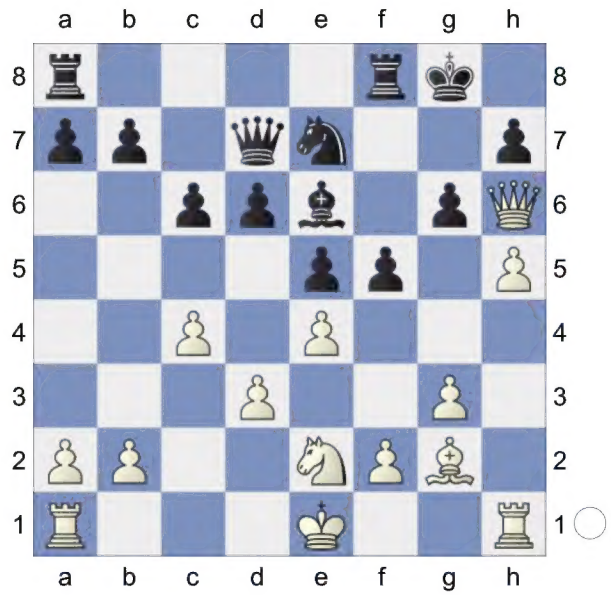


11.h5 Bg7 12.Be3 Ne7 13.Qd2 c6 14.Bh6

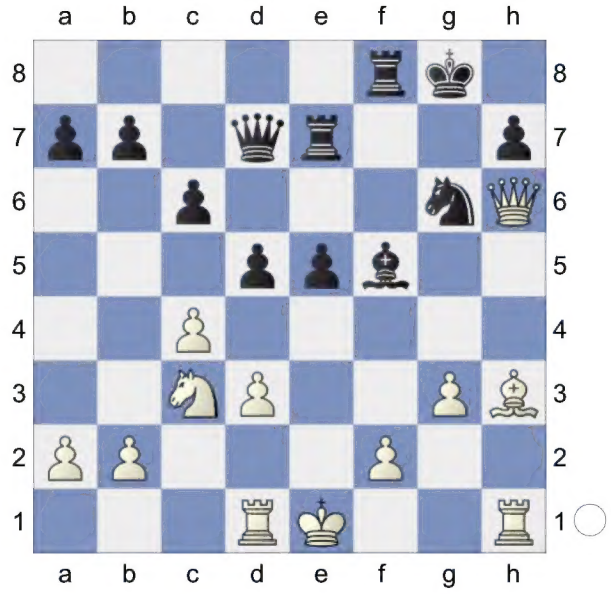
[14.hxg6 Nxg6 15.0-0-0 f5]

14...Bxh6 15.Qxh6 f5

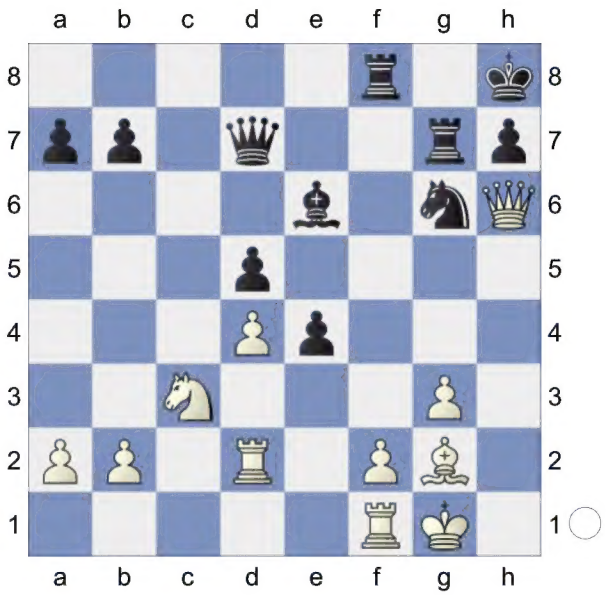
(Diagram)



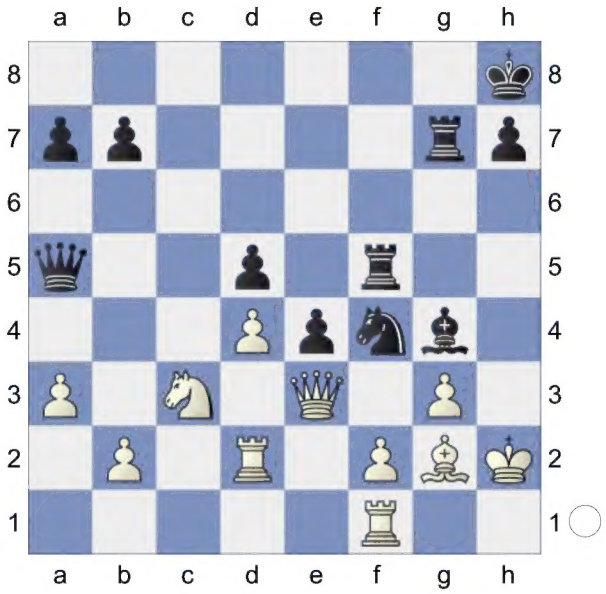
16.hxg6 Nxg6 17.Bh3 Rae8
[17...Rf7]
18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Nc3 Re7 20.Rd1
[20.0-0-0 d5]
20...d5
[20...b5]



21.cxd5 cxd5 22.Bg2 Be6
[22...Qe6 23.0-0 Rg7 24.Rd2 Kh8 25.d4 e4 26.Nd1 Qa6 27.a3 Qa5 28.Nc3]
23.0-0 Rg7 24.Rd2 Kh8 25.d4 e4
(Diagram)



26.Nd1 Qa4 27.a3
[27.b3 Qb4]
27...Qa5 28.Nc3
[28.Rc2 Qb6]
28...Bg4 29.Kh2 Rf5 30.Qe3 Nf4



31.Rh1
[31.gxf4 Rh5+]
31...Rh5+ 32.Kg1 Nxg2

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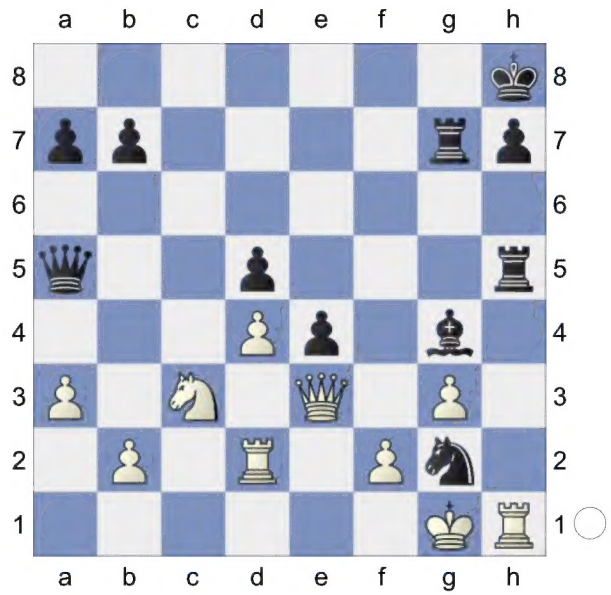

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